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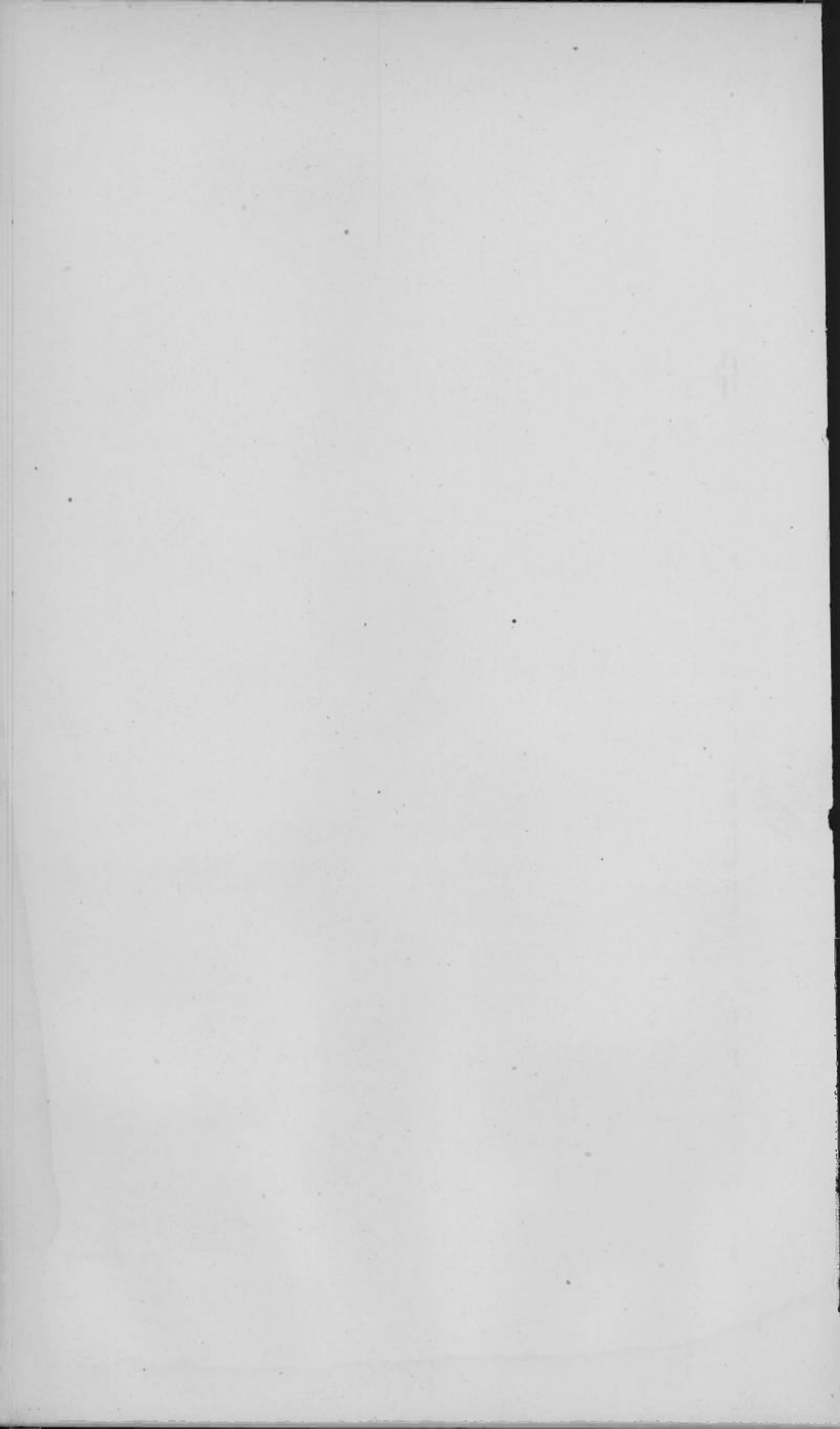
Free and Accepted Masons

OF NEBRASKA,

IN EMERGENT COMMUNICATION, HELD AT
TEKAMAH, NEBRASKA,
MAY 4TH, 1911,

AND

IN ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, HELD AT FREEMASONS HALL,
OMAHA, NEBRASKA,
JUNE 6TH AND 7TH, 1911.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Grand Lodge, of the Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons
OF NEBRASKA

IN

Emergent Communication, Held in Tekamah, May 4th, 1911.

An emergent communication of the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska was held in the hall of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, in the city of Tekamah, on May 4th, 1911, at four o'clock P. M., there being present:

M. W. HARRY A. CHENEY	Grand Master,
R. W. HENRY GIBBONS	Deputy Grand Master,
M. W. WILLIAM A. DEBORD	as Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. ALPHA MORGAN	Grand Junior Warden,
M. W. MICHAEL DOWLING	as Grand Treasurer,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary,
M. W. SAMUEL P. DAVIDSON	as Grand Chaplain,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian,
W. WILLIAM T. BOURKE, 268	as Grand Marshal,
W. SAMUEL S. WHITING	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. ANDREW H. VIELE	Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO. REUBEN FORBES	Grand Tyler,

Past Grand Masters Dunham, Ehrhardt, Young, and Evans; also a large number of brethren from Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Washington Lodge No. 21, Star Lodge No. 88, Oakland Lodge No. 91, Landmark Lodge No. 222, Pilot Lodge No. 240, and George Armstrong Lodge No. 241.

A lodge of Master Masons having first been opened, the M. W. Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge opened in

ample form and due proclamation thereof was made. The Grand Master declared the emergent communication convened for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of M. W. Melville R. Hopewell, Past Grand Master, and that in accordance with a request made by Brother Hopewell some time ago, the funeral ceremony would be conducted by Past Grand Master Robert E. French. Brother French repaired to the Grand East, and a procession was formed as follows: Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, of Omaha, and a large number of Sir Knights from Jordan Commandery No. 15, of Blair, under command of Eminent Richard C. Jordan, Commander, Tekamah Lodge No. 31, A. F. & A. M., with a large number of visiting brethren under the direction of the officers, Brother Fred Wixer, Master, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska.

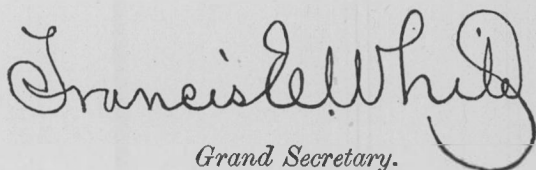
The funeral of Past Grand Master Hopewell was the largest and most imposing that was ever held in that part of the state. The Governor of the state, state officials, statesmen, members of the bench and bar of Nebraska, hundreds of Freemasons, prominent citizens, and immediate friends and acquaintances from many miles around were in attendance, to mourn the demise of one who as judge on the bench, state official, citizen, prominent Freemason, and friend, had led an upright and honorable life, and left to his family an untarnished name, each one feeling that of the many honors he had received none was unworthily bestowed.

The procession accompanied the remains and moved to the First Baptist Church, where after the church service, the procession was re-formed and marched to the Tekamah Cemetery, where with the full ceremonies of our Fraternity, and under the brilliant rays of the setting sun, the remains of our well beloved brother were laid to rest on one of the most beautiful spots that could be chosen for a last resting place, upon a high hill with a magnificent view for many miles of the broad

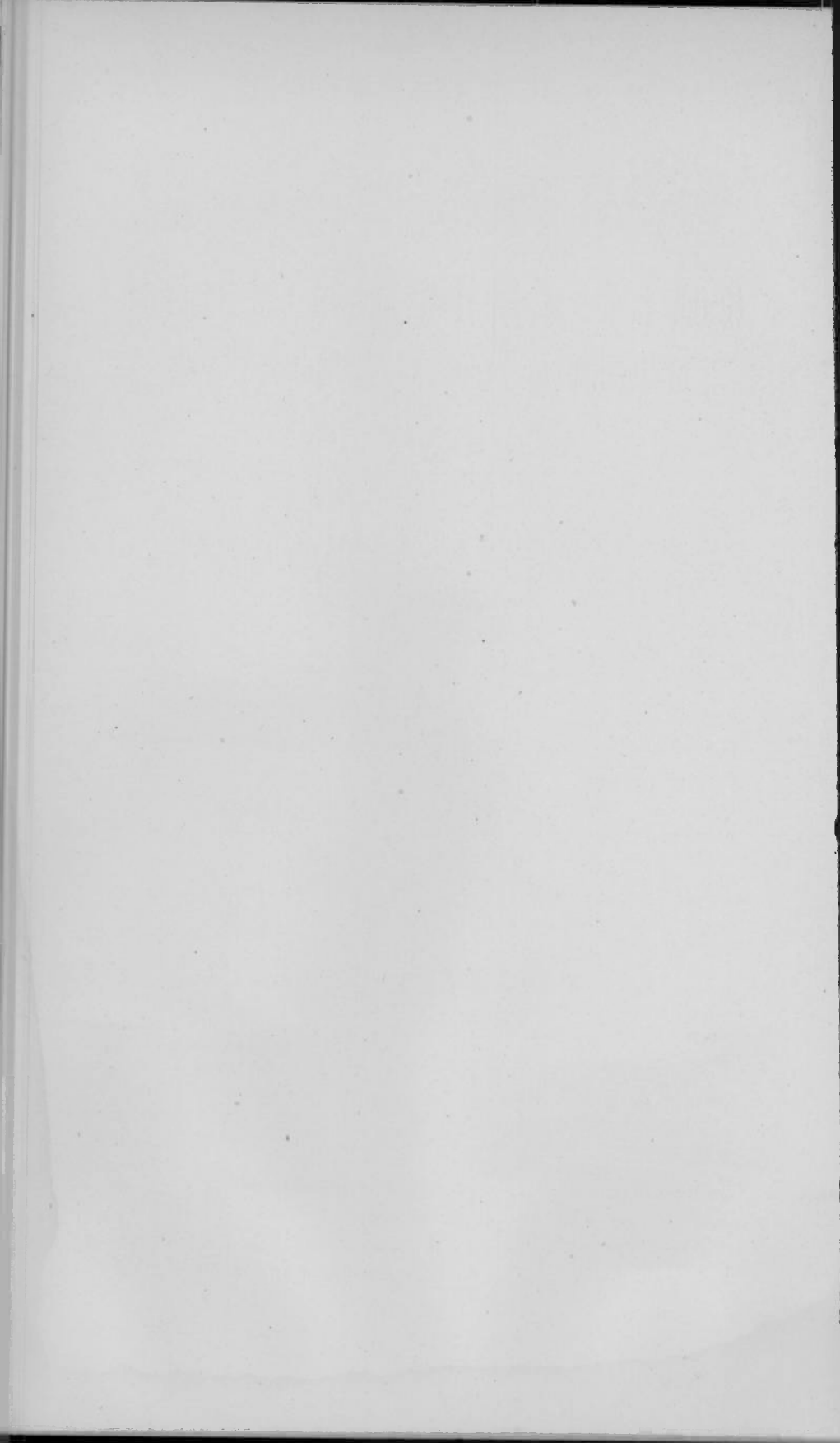
expansive Missouri valley. With sorrowing hearts we bade farewell to one whose memory will long be cherished in the hearts of his brethren.

The procession was again formed and the Grand Lodge returned to the hall of Tekamah Lodge No. 31, and was closed in full and ample form.

HARRY A. CHENEY,
Grand Master.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis E. White". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish at the end of the word "White".

Grand Secretary.



PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

OF NEBRASKA,

AT THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,
HELD IN OMAHA, JUNE 6TH AND 7TH, 1911.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska met in annual communication in Freemasons Hall, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 6th, A. L. 5911, A. D. 1911, at half past nine o'clock in the morning, there being present:

M. W. HARRY A. CHENEY	Grand Master,
R. W. HENRY GIBBONS	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. ALPHA MORGAN	Grand Junior Warden,
.....	Grand Treasurer,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary,
V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER	Grand Chaplain,
W. ELMER W. BROWN	Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian,
W. THOMAS M. DAVIS	Grand Marshal,
W. SAMUEL S. WHITING	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. ANDREW H. VIELE	Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO . REUBEN FORBES	Grand Tyler,

and representatives from two hundred and twenty-nine of the two hundred and fifty chartered lodges.

A lodge of Master Masons was opened in ample form, the roll of lodges was called, and a constitutional number of repre-

sentatives responding, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the fifty-fourth annual communication duly opened for the transaction of such business as might be brought before it, and proclamation thereof was made by the Grand Marshal.

Greetings and regrets were read from Past Grand Master Milton J. Hull, now residing in Washington, D. C., and William R. Alexander, Master of Hastings Lodge No. 50.

A committee of all Past Grand Masters present, with M. W. Daniel H. Wheeler, the oldest living Past Grand Master, was announced, admitted, and welcomed by the Grand Lodge, and the honors of Masonry were extended to Brother Wheeler, who briefly addressed the Grand Lodge, thanking them for the honors he had received at their hands.

On motion of Past Grand Master Burnham, the following resolution was adopted, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to send a copy of it to Past Grand Master Hayes:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge in its fifty-fourth annual communication sends most kindly and fraternal greetings to our beloved Past Grand Master, M. W. Samuel W. Hayes, with our best wishes for his continued health and comfort in his declining years.

Most Worshipful Grand Master Harry A. Cheney delivered the following:

ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Grand Lodge:

As we meet again in this fifty-fourth annual communication, to review the labors of the past year, and to lay out further designs on our Masonic trestle board for the future, may we ever keep in mind in whom we as Masons put our trust, in an all wise Father from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and in abiding faith in his wisdom to guide us safely along the narrow path that bringeth us to the knowledge of that truth which maketh us Freemasons in the spirit as well as the letter. And while we take a retrospective view of what has been done in the past year, may each one ask of himself whether he has faithfully and zealously preserved the reputation of the Fraternity unsullied as should be his constant care, whether as a Mason he has done what he came here to do; whether he has exemplified in his daily walk and conversation the golden tenets of "Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth," whether he has demonstrated at home and abroad the cardinal virtues of "Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice," whether

he has sincerely discharged the three great duties which as Masons we are all so forcibly admonished to do. If the secret monitor within quietly acquiesces and responds, all is well, "Well done, good and faithful servant," then we may proceed safely along the same line of action with the moral courage of "The lion of the Tribe of Judah," and the Masonic fortitude of a just and upright man, with unswerving fidelity to those altruistic and eternal principles which are the great postulates of Ancient Freemasonry, viz: "The fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the immortality of the soul," doing our work through evil report or through good report, through honor or dishonor, giving no offense in anything, without personal ambition to gratify, or self interest to serve, ever trying to live up to the standard of the golden rule, and with the single eye that looks only to the honor and glory of God, and the elevation of man.

ABSENT ONES.

"There are chairs that are vacant, some are with us no more, their voices are silent, and there is crape on the door."

While I am well aware that the Committee on Fraternal Dead will treat this solemn subject more fully than would be expected of the Grand Master, yet as a humble brother and friend, I wish to cast my sprig of acacia as a tribute of love and friendship to the memory of those loyal veterans, who have given many years of their life in devotion to our cause, and left an example of fidelity, worthy of our imitation; such were the lives of M. W. Brothers Charles K. Coutant and Melville R. Hopewell, Past Grand Masters,

"Whose labors are ended, whose trials are o'er,
Who have crossed the bar, to a peaceful shore."

I have received from Mrs. Coutant and Mrs. Hopewell letters showing their appreciation of the tributes of respect paid to the memory of their husbands by the Grand Lodge, and for the many honors conferred upon them by the Masonic Fraternity during their lives.

ABSENCE FROM THE JURISDICTION.

On June 20th I left the jurisdiction for an extended trip with my family in Colorado, believing the air of the mountains would be beneficial to the health of us all. I advised the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian of my intended absence and directed that all matters requiring the attention of the Grand Master be referred to the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother Henry Gibbons, who no doubt will report for your consideration his official acts as Grand Master. In my official circular of June 30th, 1910, I advised the Fraternity of my absence; and I also advised the Grand Custodian that the constituting of the new lodges would await my return.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Up to the present, as far as I am informed, we are in peace and

harmony with all the recognized Grand Jurisdictions throughout the world. There is now pending, awaiting full and reliable information from what is called the M. W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico, F. & A. M., the matter of the renewal of the commissions of the representatives to and from said Grand Lodge, which I have held in abeyance for further light as to present conditions, having directed our Grand Secretary to take up the matter with the Grand Secretary of said Grand Lodge, to which communication we have received no reply.

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The report of the Grand Secretary will give you all of the details relating to the Home. I, however, desire to report that on Sunday, April 23d, I went to Plattsmouth and spent the day visiting with the Superintendent and inspecting the Home. I went unannounced and unexpected. I found the residents well cared for, happy and contented. Many were the expressions of gratitude for the care and consideration received from the Fraternity, in which every member in the Grand Jurisdiction has a share and can justly feel proud. The Home is well and economically managed. This is your Home, my Home, and the Home of the Nebraska Masons; all should have a deep interest in its welfare and in the care of those who may abide within its walls. When convenient, visit it in person, and see for yourself if its management comes up to your ideas; if not, make such suggestions as you may think proper.

Owing to serious illness in my family I was compelled to forego the pleasure and duty of attending the meeting of the stockholders of the Nebraska Masonic Home on January 23d, 1911; I therefore issued my proxy to R. W. Brother Francis E. White, Grand Secretary, to vote the stock owned by the Grand Lodge.

INTER-STATE COURTESIES.

I am under special obligations to M. W. George Ruddell, Grand Master of Oklahoma, M. W. George C. Ober, Grand Master of the District of Columbia, R. W. George W. Guthrie, Grand Master of Pennsylvania, M. W. Albert B. Ashley, Grand Master of Illinois, M. W. Dana Ried Weller, Grand Master, and R. W. John Whicher, Grand Secretary of California, M. W. William A. Hall, Grand Master, and R. W. John R. Parson, Grand Secretary of Missouri, M. W. Frederick W. Craig, Grand Master of Iowa, and M. W. James C. Doughty, Grand Master of Nevada, for courtesies rendered.

On January 24th, 1911, I appointed Past Grand Master Ornan J. King as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska to attend the funeral of M. W. Brother William B. Wilson, a Past Grand Master of Michigan, who died in Lincoln on that date.

I am in receipt of a formal communication from Brother Reuben H. Tucker, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, informing me that he was present at a

reception to M. W. Randolph B. Chapman, Grand Master of Masons of Connecticut, at which he extended the congratulations of this Grand Jurisdiction to the newly elected Grand Master of Connecticut, expressing the hope that the fraternal feelings that have ever existed between the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and the Grand Lodge of Connecticut may never be severed. Brother Chapman was formerly a member of our Covert Lodge No. 11.

On May 26th, 1911, I requested the Grand Master of California to ask Tehama Lodge No. 3, of Sacramento, California, to confer the Entered Apprentice degree upon an applicant for our East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, instruct and examine the brother therein, and report the action to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210.

OCCASIONAL COMMUNICATIONS.

I received a formal invitation from the State Board of Education under date of November 15th, 1910, through Samaritan Lodge No. 158, Chadron, Nebraska, to lay the corner-stone of the Normal School at Chadron, Dawes County, Nebraska, agreeable to the ancient forms and ceremonies of Freemasonry. By reason of illness in my family it was impossible for me to perform this ceremony in person, and I issued my proxy to M. W. Brother Albert W. Crites, P. G. M., who reported to me that he had complied with my official request.

Conditions were such that it seemed impossible for any of the Grand Lodge Officers to attend except W. Brother Thomas M. Davis, Grand Marshal.

DEDICATIONS.

In compliance with a request from Geneva Lodge No. 79, I directed the Grand Custodian to proceed to Geneva and perfect all the formal arrangements for the dedication of the hall of the lodge, and on March 22d, 1911, accompanied by R. W. Brothers James R. Cain, Jr., Grand Senior Warden; Alpha Morgan, Grand Junior Warden; Francis E. White, Grand Secretary; V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain; M. W. Robert E. French, Grand Custodian; W. Elmer W. Brown, Grand Orator; W. Thomas M. Davis, Grand Marshal; W. Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Senior Deacon; Bro. Reuben Forbes, Grand Tyler, Past Grand Masters Ornan J. King and Michael Dowling, and a large number of brethren from the surrounding lodges, I dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Geneva, in due and ancient form. W. Brother Charles L. Sloan, Orator of the Day, delivered an eloquent and interesting oration. A well prepared dinner was served by the ladies of the Order of Eastern Star; after the "feast," Geneva Lodge No. 79 was opened, and the Master Masons degree was conferred in a most impressive manner, W. Samuel S. Whiting acting as Master, M. W. Robert E. French as Senior Warden, R. W. James R. Cain, Jr., as Junior Warden; after which came the Love Feast, Brother Sloan acting as

toastmaster, and responses were made by your Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden Cain, Grand Chaplain Beecher, Grand Orator Brown, Grand Senior Deacon Whiting, Past Grand Masters French and King, and others. A delightful hour was spent, after which all again repaired to the banquet hall, where refreshments were again served by the ladies. The beauty, grandeur, and magnificence of this second temple exceeds, if possible, that of the first temple dedicated twenty-one years ago, on the same site. The zeal and energy of the loyal Craftsmen of No. 79 show a firmness and a determination to dwell under their own vine and fig tree, around their own hearth-stone, where they can smoke the pipe of peace, eat salt and break bread together, in that quietness and assurance which only their own sweet home can afford. "So Mote it Be."

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

On the evening of August 15th, assisted by Brothers Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, Andrew H. Viele, Grand Junior Deacon, Ensign J. Rix, Assistant Grand Custodian, P.'G.'M.' Charles E. Burnham, and a number of brethren from Albion Lodge No. 78, Trowel Lodge No. 71, and Samaritan Lodge No. 158, I constituted and formed the brethren at Elgin, Nebraska, into a regular lodge, to be known as Antelope Lodge No. 276, A.'F.' & A.'M.', and duly installed their officers.

On the afternoon of August 17th, assisted by the Grand Custodian, the Grand Junior Warden, P.'G.'M.' Robert E. Evans, and a number of brethren from Omadi Lodge No. 5 and Bancroft Lodge No. 145, I constituted and formed the brethren at Walthill, Nebraska, into a regular lodge to be known as Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, A.'F.' & A.'M.', and duly installed their officers.

On the evening of August 18th, assisted by Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Senior Deacon, and a number of brethren from the following lodges: Mount Moriah, No. 57, Western Star, No. 2, Trestle Board, No. 162, Papillion, No. 39, and Bennett, No. 94, I constituted and formed the brethren at Dunbar, Nebraska, into a regular lodge to be known as Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272, A.'F.' & A.'M.', and duly installed their officers.

On the afternoon of August 20th, assisted by the Grand Custodian, P.'G.'M.' John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, and a number of brethren from Evening Star Lodge No. 49 and Elwood Lodge No. 167, I constituted and formed the brethren at Bertrand, Nebraska, into a regular lodge to be known as Ramah Lodge No. 275, A.'F.' & A.'M.', and duly installed their officers.

On the evening of August 22d, assisted by the Grand Custodian and a number of brethren from Mitchell Lodge No. 263, I constituted and formed the brethren at Morrill, Nebraska, into a regular lodge to be known as Oasis Lodge No. 271, A.'F.' & A.'M.', and duly installed their officers.

On the evening of August 26th, assisted by the Grand Custodian, P.'G.'M.' Zuingle M. Baird, and a number of brethren from Corinthian

Lodge No. 88, Relief Lodge No. 219, Hartington Lodge No. 155, and Bloomfield Lodge No. 218, I constituted and formed the brethren at Crofton, Nebraska, into a regular lodge to be known as Crofton Lodge No. 273, A. F. & A. M., and duly installed their officers.

At all of the above places our reception was most cordial and the ceremonies passed off very pleasantly. I am very glad to report that from each lodge constituted we have only good reports as to their progress. At Elgin, Walthill, Bertrand, and Crofton, informal banquets were served at the close of the ceremony, and splendid programs were given by local talent, consisting of vocal and instrumental music and addresses. At Dunbar occurred the crowning event of the trip—a most sumptuous banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star, at which Brother John B. Lichtenwallner acted as toastmaster, 185 covers being laid.

DISPENSATIONS TO FORM NEW LODGES.

I issued a dispensation to the following named brethren for the formation of a new lodge at Harrison, under the name of Sioux Lodge U. D., appointing William H. Davis, Master; John H. Bieser, Senior Warden; Charles H. Unitt, Junior Warden; Francis H. Wallace, Joseph W. Reed, Joseph C. Parsons, Edward F. Pontius, Walter C. Reed, Thomas S. Boyd, Cyrus O. Wertz, Nels Anderson, Francis M. Hall, Andrew McGinley, John H. Bieser, William H. Phillips, William W. Collamore, Daniel Jordan, Jerman B. Wilkerson, John A. Anderson, John Marking, Nathan R. Tisdale, Fred B. Langworthy, Charles H. Unitt, George L. Gerlach, William H. Davis, and Fern S. Baker. I issued my proxy to M. W. Albert W. Crites, P. G. M., to institute this lodge and he reported having done so, and the lodge gives promise of good success.

I also issued a dispensation to the following named brothers to form a lodge U. D. at Litchfield, under the name of Litchfield Lodge U. D., naming Charles A. Rydberg, Master; Charles W. Benson, Senior Warden; and George W. Wolfe, Junior Warden; Charles W. Benson, John B. Burt, Sylvester Brower, James R. Lang, Albert Dickerson, George W. Wolfe, William J. Alkire, Charles W. Gibson, Roscoe P. Moore, Edward A. Slote, Fred L. Gale, George W. Hager, Charles A. Rydberg, Lewis H. Thomas, George A. Curry, Charles J. Whitmore, and William F. Spencer. I issued my proxy to R. W. Brother Alpha Morgan, Grand Junior Warden, and W. Brother John J. Tooley, Assistant Grand Custodian, to institute the same and they reported in due time that the same had been done, complimenting the brethren of the lodge for their proficiency and enthusiasm.

I further issued a dispensation to the following named brethren for the formation of a new lodge at Wallace, under the name of Wallace Lodge U. D., appointing Charles L. Cooper, Master; Henry Mehlmann, Senior Warden; Solomon A. Casady, Junior Warden; James S. Robbins, Henry Mehlmann, Charles L. Cooper, William P. Killen, William H. Merrill, William F. Haynes, Claude White, David M. Krause, Isaac W.

Rees, Charles H. Walter, Solomon A. Casady, Frank J. Nichols, James Light, Perry Tetterton, and James W. Alexander. I issued my proxy to W. Brother Thomas M. Davis, Grand Marshal, to institute the same, and in due time received his report that it had been done, and that the lodge was composed of live Masons imbued with the true spirit of Masonry, and that he was surprised to find them so well posted in the work. Considering the short time intervening between the issuance of the Wallace dispensation and the meeting of the Grand Lodge, at the suggestion of the brethren they have decided not to apply at this session for a charter, but to request that they be allowed to continue under dispensation until another meeting of the Grand Lodge.

I refused to grant a dispensation for a lodge U. D. at Union, because I thought the number of Masons too few, the territory too small, and from the fact that seven of the petitioners were members of Nehawka Lodge No. 246, which has a small membership, and this would reduce it to only thirteen members. Nehawka Lodge No. 246 has only a small jurisdiction and a lodge at Union would reduce the same to but two miles on the east, as it is but four miles to Union, and Nehawka has only five and a half miles on the west. Further I have granted no dispensations where there were less than fifteen signers to the petition, although the constitution, as it stands, provides for only eight, (there being an error in the printing of the 1910 edition, which calls for fifteen yet the amendment has not been adopted by this Grand Lodge, but no doubt, will be). I am of the same opinion as Grand Master Dowling in this respect. And a lodge that needs assistance to keep it alive in the beginning, might get in such a habit that it would never be able to stand or walk alone without it. Before granting a dispensation for a lodge U. D., I required of the petitioners a pledge to equip themselves with all the accessories, paraphernalia, and furniture of a first-class lodge before they did any work—a Masonic lodge is no experiment.

The preliminary work for the lodge at Harrison was done by my predecessor, and but little was left for me to do but issue the dispensation.

TRUSTEE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

On September 14th, 1910, I appointed Most Worshipful Brother Charles E. Burnham, P. G. M., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. W. Brother Charles K. Coutant.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

I granted special dispensations as follows, receiving the fee of ten dollars in each instance, which has been turned over to the Grand Secretary:

June 16th, 1910, to Superior Lodge No. 121 to elect a Junior Warden out of time, on account of the death of their Junior Warden-elect.

August 29th, 1910, to Laurel Lodge No. 248, to confer the degree of

Master Mason on Brother Rolland S. Koffroth, September 3d, 1910, without regard to time.

September 20th, 1910, to Amity Lodge No. 169 to ballot and confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on Brother George S. Dale on or before September 21st, 1910, without regard to time.

October 24th, 1910, to Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148 to install their Master-elect on any date prior to November 1st, 1910.

November 9th, 1910, to Siloam Lodge No. 147 to elect and install their officers on or before November 18th, 1910.

November 10th, 1910, to Bloomfield Lodge No. 218 to confer the Master Masons degree on Brother Rex M. Schultz, on November 19th, 1910, without regard to time.

January 4th, 1911, to Capitol Lodge No. 3 to examine as to his proficiency as a Fellow Craft, ballot, and confer the Master Masons degree on Brother William S. Bowen, January 9th, 1911, without regard to time.

February 6th, 1911, to Ionic Lodge No. 87 to install their secretary February 9th, 1911.

February 13th, 1911, to Landmark Lodge No. 222 to examine as to proficiency in the Fellow Craft degree, ballot, and confer the Master Masons degree on Brother James C. Broderson on or before March 1st, 1911, without regard to time.

February 21st, 1911, to Franklin Lodge No. 264 to elect and install their officers on February 27th, 1911.

March 15th, 1911, to Holbrook Lodge No. 257 to examine as to his proficiency in the Fellow Craft degree, ballot, and confer the Master Masons degree on Brother Charles G. Bolibough, March 18th, 1911, without regard to time.

May 27th, 1911, to Hope Lodge No. 29, to elect officers for the ensuing year.

In granting dispensations to confer degrees out of time, I have done so with caution, requiring proficiency and notification of members.

During my absence from the state and that of Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother Henry Gibbons, our Grand Senior Warden assumed charge of the Craft, and reported to me that he issued a special dispensation to Oakland Lodge No. 91 to confer the Master Masons degree on Brother Fred Harding without regard to time, under the usual restrictions, the fee being paid to the Grand Secretary.

August 29th, 1910, I refused to grant a dispensation to confer all three degrees on George S. Dale to become a member of Amity Lodge No. 169, he being a cadet in the service of the United States, to be home only from September 4th to 24th; and as one lunar month must elapse between the receipt of a petition and balloting on the same, I could only waive time between the degrees; it transpired, however, that Mr. Dale remained at home longer than was anticipated; hence they received his petition in the regular way and dispensations for the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees were granted, as above stated.

August 27th, 1910, I refused a special dispensation to Osceola Lodge No. 65, to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees on a traveling man, who had been a resident for over twenty years, and was to be home for only a few days. The request for the same having been made by 'phone, I was unable to get the exact name. I later wrote the lodge requesting the same, but received no reply.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS.

I have approved by-laws and amendments thereto as follows:

June 10th, 1910, amendment to the by-laws of Robert Burns Lodge No. 173.

September 6th, amendment to the by-laws of Fidelity Lodge No. 51.

September 22d, code of by-laws for Capitol Lodge No. 3.

September 28th, amendment to the by-laws of Fairbury Lodge No. 35.

October 31st, code of by-laws for Fairmont Lodge No. 48.

November 7th, amendment to the by-laws of Riverside Lodge No. 269.

November 23d, amendment to the by-laws of Unity Lodge No. 163.

November 23d, code of by-laws for Keystone Lodge No. 62.

November 30th, amendment to the by-laws of Franklin Lodge No. 264.

January 6th, 1911, amendment to the by-laws of Amethyst Lodge No. 190.

February 28th, amendment to the by-laws of Falls City Lodge No. 9.

March 2d, amendment to the by-laws of Evening Star Lodge No. 49.

March 15th, amendment to the by-laws of Lancaster Lodge No. 54.

March 17th, amendment to the by-laws of Justice Lodge No. 180.

April 1st, amendment to the by-laws of Geneva Lodge No. 79.

May 1st, code of by-laws for Rob Morris Lodge No. 46.

May 15th, code of by-laws for North Bend Lodge No. 119.

May 16th, code of by-laws for Composite Lodge No. 81.

May 17th, amendment to the by-laws of Silver Lodge No. 266.

May 22d, amendment to the by-laws of Holbrook Lodge No. 257.

May 26th, amendment to the by-laws of Platte Valley Lodge No. 32.

May 27th, a code of by-laws for Kenesaw Lodge No. 144.

June 2d, amendment to the by-laws of Springview Lodge No. 260.

I refused to approve codes for Jachin Lodge No. 146, East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, Kenesaw Lodge No. 144, Eminence Lodge No. 223, and Platte Valley Lodge No. 32, returning them to the lodges, and suggesting necessary changes.

I hold in abeyance by-laws for Nebraska Lodge No. 1 and Stromsburg Lodge No. 126, both of which provide for exemption from dues, or a part thereof, after the member has paid dues to the lodge for a certain time. Personally I am not in favor of exempting any member from

the payment of lodge dues, who is able to pay them. Where a brother is unable to pay dues, they should be remitted, the length of time a member has been paying dues to a lodge receiving no consideration, as he has received the benefit of said payment. I submit this entire matter to the Grand Lodge for your judgment.

SEALS APPROVED.

I approved designs of seals as follows:

July 29th, Olive Branch Lodge No. 274, Walthill.

August 15th, Oasis-Lodge No. 271, Morrill.

REPRESENTATIVES.

I recommended the following named brethren as representatives of other Grand Lodges near ours:

October 5th, Brother Orin A. H. Bruce, 100, Canada.

October 5th, Brother Frederic L. Temple, 61, New Hampshire.

October 5th, Brother Andrew H. Viele, 55, Washington.

February 10th, Brother Henry Gibbons, 46, Ireland.

February 18th, Brother Charles L. Fahnestock, 135, Maryland.

May 16th, Brother Walter M. Hopewell, 31, North Carolina.

I issued commissions to the following named brethren to represent the Grand Lodge of Nebraska near other Grand Lodges:

June 9th, Brother Frank Ernest Haddrick, South Australia.

June 17th, Brother Charles E. Bailey, West Virginia.

October 11th, Brother Isaac A. Bush, Georgia.

November 22d, Brother Pearl E. Keeler, Nevada.

February 15th, Brother Lewis C. Hall, Arkansas.

March 17th, Brother Thomas Leary, New York.

ASSISTANT GRAND CUSTODIANS.

On proper application, being duly certified to as to having passed a rigid examination in the work as to proficiency, and being fraternally recommended by M. W. Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, on August 15th, I issued commissions to the following named brethren as assistants to the Grand Custodian:

Brother John J. Mercer, 3; Brother Samuel S. Whiting, 54; Brother Walter W. Wells, 192; Brother Ensign J. Rix, 55; Brother James D. Phillips, 93; Brother Frank W. Boyer, 11; Brother Ernest H. James, 1; Brother Fred A. Howe, 119; Brother John J. Tooley, 258.

NEW LODGE HALLS.

I approved applications from the following lodges to move in to new halls, having in each instance satisfied myself as to the suitability of the new hall for lodge purposes, either by personal investigation or legally authorized proxy, or the certificate from at least three Past Masters:

Wanneta Lodge No. 217, on due examination and report by W. Brother Alonzo Cone, P. M.; Geneva Lodge No. 79, on the certificate of three Past Masters; Parian Lodge No. 207, on the certificate of four Past Masters; Omadi Lodge No. 5, on due examination and report by Past Grand Master Robert E. Evans.

DECISIONS.

It is the opinion of your present Grand Master that the less law made by Grand Master's decisions, the better. The Grand Lodge should be the power to enact and promulgate the all important matter of jurisprudence, except in cases of absolute necessity. Nor do I consider it a Grand Master's prerogative to make formal decisions upon questions that are already covered by the law. A more careful reference to the law by lodges would save much time. The following decision was made:

A. B. petitions a lodge for initiation, complying with all the requirements, the petition being received and referred. A brother Master Mason of said lodge files formal objections with the Master to A. B. being made a Mason in said lodge. The Master directs the Secretary to inform A. B. of the objection, and to return the fee; but before the Secretary complies with the order of the Master, and before another meeting, the objection is withdrawn. I ruled that the lodge could proceed and spread the ballot without a new petition, as required by Section No. 117.

DELINQUENT DUES.

The Grand Custodian's formal reports from the different lodges show the number of brethren who are delinquent by years.

The following were my suggestions to the lodges in this matter: "It is an injustice to impose on a part of the members of a lodge the responsibility of bearing all of its financial expenses. It is a violation of obligation not to support and maintain the law of the Grand Lodge and the laws of a lodge that require the annual payment of dues. See Section 80 of Chapter XI. A Mason who does not think enough of Masonry to keep himself in good standing should not expect his lodge to do so for him. It is Masonic charity to 'Temper the Wind to the Shorn Lamb,' but those who can pay and do not pay, should show cause why they remain delinquent, or be suspended. It is my order that you take such action at your next regular communication, as will require all of your delinquent dues to be paid up to the present Masonic year, reporting to me within thirty days the result of this my order and your action."

LODGES NOT REPRESENTED AT ANNUAL COMMUNICATIONS.

My attention has been officially called to the following lodges that have not complied with Sections 2 and 79 of the law, to-wit: 27, 29, 35, 37, 39, 48, 52, 85, 87, 106, 108, 117, 118, 125, 128, 133, 134, 137, 144, 149, 154, 174, 215, 216, 229, 240, 245, 246, 250, 252, and 260. Of the above number I find that No. 37 was not represented in the years 1909 and

1910; Nos. 27, 35, and 245 were not represented in 1908, 1909, and 1910. I have taken up the matter of this non-attendance at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge with each and every one of the above named lodges, citing them to Article 10, page 9, of the constitution, paragraphs 6, 9, and 14, Section 2 of Chapter I, page 18 of the law, and Section 79 of Chapter X. I have also called their attention to the installation covenant of the Master, page 110, Monitor and Ceremonies, also Section 5 of Chapter I.

I have officially requested each lodge to show cause without delay why it was not represented, and numbers 27, 35, 37, and 245, to show cause why their charter should not be forfeited for violation of said law. All have responded, except No. 246. As to what further action you may wish to take in this matter, which I deem of great importance from many standpoints, I leave with the Grand Lodge.

LODGES NOT WORKING.

My attention was further officially called to the abstract of returns to the Grand Lodge for the year ending March 31st, 1910, and I find that the following lodges have done no work in that time: Nos. 39, 118, 138, 159, 173, 198, 226, and 244. I took the matter up by correspondence with each lodge to ascertain if the work was stopped by reason of violation of paragraph g of Section 148, not deeming it my prerogative to go farther in the matter.

INSURANCE.

The report of the Committee on Returns for 1910 showed twenty-six lodges who had not complied with Section 57, Chapter VIII, Returns to Grand Lodge, and Section 93, Chapter XII, Insurance.

I took up this matter with each individual lodge, calling their attention to the law and stating that it was mandatory on this subject, and I am pleased to say that each of the lodges reported having taken out suitable insurance according to our law.

ENACTMENTS OF LAW NOT STRICTLY OBSERVED, OBEYED, AND ENFORCED.

Section 54, requiring the law and proceedings to be read each year in open lodge.

Section 66, requiring proficiency in the Master Masons degree.

Section 78, requiring all members to sign the by-laws.

Section 93, requiring insurance, which I have already fully explained.

Section 148, paragraphs c and k.

In each case of not enforcing the above sections of the law, I have cited the attention of the lodges to the letter of the law, and directed their compliance therewith. In addition to this, I have forwarded to the Master a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge June 9th, 1908, calling his attention to the fact that he would be held responsible for non-compliance with his official duty and in not enforcing paragraph c, Section 148.

GRIEVANCES.

MINDEN LODGE NO. 127.

On April 28th, I received a letter from the Grand Custodian, in which he stated that there were certain conditions existing in Minden Lodge No. 127, Minden, whereby the good name of Masonry and the welfare of the Fraternity may suffer. The matter referred to involved the unmasonic conduct of an officer of said Minden Lodge No. 127.

Deeming the charges of great importance, I immediately issued my proxy to the Grand Custodian to proceed to Minden, secure a sufficient number of commissioners, and fully investigate the matter, directing him to arrest the jewel in case of conviction or admission. I submit to the Grand Lodge a full report of his investigation and his actions taken therein under my formal order.

EAST LINCOLN LODGE NO. 210.

I also have a complaint from East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 wherein they state that they officially requested Twilight Lodge No. 114 of Columbia, Missouri, to confer the Fellow Craft degree upon an Entered Apprentice Mason of East Lincoln Lodge No. 210. Twilight Lodge No. 114 of Columbia, Missouri, never replied to East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 as to whether they would comply with their request or not, and later on East Lincoln Lodge No. 210 was informed by one of its members that he had received a communication from the said brother stating that he had just received the Master Masons degree in said Twilight Lodge No. 114 of Columbia, Missouri. All of the papers in this case have been referred to the Grand Master of Missouri, except the official correspondence, which I herewith submit, referring to this particular case. Question: What recourse has East Lincoln Lodge No. 210, and what further action should be taken in this matter?

STERLING LODGE NO. 70 VS. TECUMSEH LODGE NO. 17.

On March 9th, I received an official communication from Sterling Lodge No. 70 as to a controversy and a difference of opinion between Sterling Lodge No. 70 and Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 over the jurisdiction of the town of Vesta. I cited them to Section 97 of the code, saying that this was a matter they would have to determine between themselves under the strict provisions of the law as cited.

CLAY CENTER LODGE NO. 139 VS. EVENING STAR LODGE NO. 49.

On April 1st, I received a formal communication from the Master and Secretary of Clay Center Lodge No. 139, embodying accusations made by a member of said lodge against an officer, and a sojourning Mason of Evening Star Lodge No. 49, in the form of a letter addressed to the Worshipful Master of No. 139. I afterwards received a copy of said letter, and decided that it did not constitute a complaint under Section 153. All of the correspondence in this case is herewith submitted.

NEBRASKA LODGE NO. 1.

This is a case in which a brother was convicted on six counts out of ten and expelled by said lodge. On October 5th, 1910, I refused to suspend sentence pending appeal, on application by attorney of appellant. I could find no law or precedent for the Grand Master suspending a sentence passed by a subordinate lodge. I can not see that this power is delegated to him under our law. Brother Mackey says: "By usages of the order the sentence of the lodge will stand until the Grand Lodge has given its decision." A copy of exceptions and statement of appeal have been filed with the Grand Secretary.

WEAK LODGES.

During the latter part of my term as Grand Master, and after the 1st day of May, the Grand Custodian not being dated for schools, I issued my proxy to M. W. Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, to make several official visitations as my representative. From his reports to me, I submit the following:

NORTH STAR LODGE NO. 227.

On May 3d the Grand Custodian, accompanied by W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Senior Deacon, made an official visitation to this lodge. He reports that harmony prevails, and that they are endeavoring to keep every promise made to the Grand Lodge at the last annual communication, in maintaining the principles of Masonry, by strictly observing and enforcing its laws, written and unwritten. While their present officers may not be as proficient in the work as Section 8, Chapter II, requires, they are certainly making good and redeeming their promises to the Grand Lodge. During the year they have had a remarkably good gain in membership, and everything looks favorable both to the Grand Master and to the Grand Custodian.

ISRAEL LODGE NO. 187.

On May 2d the Grand Custodian, accompanied by Past Grand Master Ornan J. King and Brother Samuel S. Whiting, Grand Senior Deacon, made an official visitation to this lodge. As my representative, the Grand Custodian reports that the lodge was formally congregated at eight P. M., W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, as Senior Warden, M. W. Brother Ornan J. King as Junior Warden, and the officers of No. 187 in the stations of Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacon; a lodge of Master Masons was opened in form; after which the Grand Custodian read the commission of the Grand Master, as his duly appointed representative, and the Grand Master's formal order to visit said lodge, to carefully investigate past and present conditions, as well as future prospects. Each and every brother present was given ample opportunity to freely express himself openly or pri-

vately, which opportunity was improved by the Master, Treasurer, Secretary, and one other brother; and although there were seventeen present, only four openly expressed themselves in the lodge. As findings, the Grand Custodian reports that they do not find any violations of the letter of Masonic law by the lodge as a whole or by any particular individual, upon which formal charges could be based; they find that there has been (for about five years) a bank fight, which many say has entered into the business of the town and into the church and fraternal organizations. One of the bones of contention is which of the two banks shall have the funds of No. 187, at present amounting to \$1,114.14. The present Treasurer's bank has always controlled the funds. The Grand Custodian recommends that the Grand Lodge, through the Grand Master, keep in close touch with all the conditions of Israel Lodge No. 187, and whenever it becomes known that the interest of Masonry is suffering, and its good name put to shame, that such action to be taken as the conditions may demand.

REINSTATEMENTS.

On June 30th, 1910, I ordered the reinstatement of a brother, formerly a member of Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, on payment of dues to the Grand Secretary.

On March 26th, 1911, I ordered the reinstatement of a brother, formerly a member of Summit Lodge No. 141, extinct, on payment of dues to the Grand Secretary.

VISITATIONS.

On the evening of June 10th, on invitation, I visited George W. Lininger Lodge No. 268, at which there was a very large attendance of the brethren of Omaha and South Omaha. There was work in the Master Masons degree, which was certainly rendered most proficiently. A banquet was served after the meeting, at which a splendid set of officers' jewels was presented to the lodge by Mrs. George W. Lininger, through her representative, Brother Frank L. Haller, and formally accepted by the lodge. Brother Haller also presented the beautiful ring worn by our beloved Brother Lininger to Brother Richard C. Jordan. Many beautiful toasts and responses were made by the brethren in memory of our noble-hearted brother, George W. Lininger, the best beloved Past Grand Master of Masonry in Nebraska.

On the evening of August 20th, accompanied by M. W. Brother Robert E. French, Grand Custodian, I visited Thistle Lodge No. 61, located at Lexington, Nebraska, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Masons degree. This lodge is presided over by a Master who is an adept in the work, and who is supported by a corps of officers who are all good workmen. A goodly number of brethren from the following lodges were present: Ramah Lodge No. 275, Meridian Lodge No. 188, Elwood Lodge No. 167, Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Compass & Square

Lodge No. 212, James A. Tulleys Lodge No. 267, and Square & Compass Lodge No. 213.

On the evening of August 23d, I visited Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, located at Broken Bow, accompanied by the Grand Custodian, Brother Robert E. French. This lodge is located in a fine temple of its own, well furnished, and is presided over by a very efficient corps of officers. The following lodges were represented: Merna Lodge No. 171, Anselmo Lodge No. 258, Gladstone Lodge No. 176, North Star Lodge No. 227, Hartington Lodge No. 155, Mason City Lodge No. 170, Mount Hermon Lodge No. 231, Parian Lodge No. 207, and brethren from Crown Point, Indiana, and Rock Springs, Wyoming. All of these meetings were largely attended and in each case the Grand Honors due the Grand Lodge officers were given.

FORMAL REPORTS OF GRAND CUSTODIAN ON PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

As in the past, the Grand Custodian has submitted to me formal reports of all schools held, covering all items of importance that should be known to the Grand Master, which I have carefully checked, and I called the attention of the lodges wherever I have found that they were not up to the standard of requirements of the work, the law, and the necessary accessories to make a lodge what it should be, just, regular, and perfect. In all cases I have required that they make me an official reply as to whether my suggestions have been observed. The Grand Custodian has also rendered me an itemized expense account in each formal report.

There seems to be a misunderstanding relative to Section 8 of Chapter II. of the law, as well as the action of the Grand Lodge in the matter of promulgation of the work; the law has not been changed one iota, nor the manner of promulgating the work; the state is not divided into districts; there are no such things as district deputies; and the assistants of the Grand Custodian, under the report of the committee, as adopted by the Grand Lodge, can only be employed at the expense of the Grand Lodge, where there is an absolute necessity, by reason of the officers of the lodge being unable to comply with the requirements of the law; and this necessity must be determined by a personal inspection of the Grand Custodian. This ought to be plain enough so there need be no further misunderstanding. As the Grand Custodian is held responsible by the Grand Lodge to report non-compliance with the law of proficiency to the Grand Master, he should always know what is being done, how it is done, and where it is done.

THE MASONIC RELIEF ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

This association has been organized since August 31st, 1885. Our Grand Lodge at one time made appropriation for membership in this association, thus enabling each lodge to keep fully informed of the traveling frauds and imposters, and the circulars issued by the association have been the means of detecting imposters. It is worthy of your consideration, and such action as you in your wisdom may deem proper.

APPROVAL OF GRAND TREASURER'S BOND.

My attention was called to the amount of the Grand Treasurer's bond, the law providing that he shall give bond in a sum not less than \$15,000.00. The same matter came up under Grand Master Dowling, and after due deliberation, he decided to require the Grand Treasurer to give bond only in the sum of \$12,000.00, and the bond now remains fixed in that sum, I deeming that no change would be necessary.

IRREGULAR WORK.

Under date of September 20th, 1910, Merna Lodge No. 171 officially requested North Star Lodge No. 227 to confer the Master Masons degree on a Fellow Craft Mason of Merna Lodge No. 171, which request was complied with by North Star Lodge No. 227, under date of October 12th, 1910. On November 2d, North Star Lodge was informed from some source, not known, that the said brother had never been examined as to his proficiency in the Fellow Craft degree, nor formally elected to receive the Master Masons degree, whereupon they took the matter up with Merna Lodge, who in the meantime, seeing their error, had taken the matter up with the Grand Master. In my correspondence with Merna Lodge, I was informed that the records disclosed that the Secretary was instructed to request North Star Lodge No. 227 to examine the brother as to proficiency and report to Merna Lodge; but through error, or delay, the Secretary instructed otherwise.

I can find no law or precedent for the healing of an irregularly made Mason by the Grand Master. I therefore leave the matter in the hands of the Grand Lodge for such action as they may deem proper.

ENDEAVOR LODGE NO. 262.

A controversy having arisen as to the ownership of some shares of Temple craft stock, said to have been the property of Indianola Lodge No. 123, (now extinct), I formally appointed R. W. Henry Gibbons, Deputy Grand Master, as my representative to visit Indianola and get all the facts in the matter, with such power to act as would fully protect the interest of the Grand Lodge without any complications or involving any liability upon the Grand Lodge. The papers and the report of the Deputy Grand Master are herewith submitted.

I declined the request of Endeavor Lodge No. 262 to transmit to them the old records, ledgers, compendium, and all papers formerly belonging to Indianola Lodge No. 123, (now extinct.) However, I informed them they could have access to them in the Grand Secretary's office at any time they might see proper to ask for them.

When Endeavor Lodge No. 262 was constituted they assumed the payment of a relief note given by Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct. In December last the Grand Secretary sent me this note, suggesting that the matter be taken up with a view of settlement. There is due on the note, as interest and principal, something over \$140.00. I wrote

Endeavor Lodge and they replied that when they were constituted it was represented to them that the balance due was but \$60.00, of which they have paid \$25.00. There is still due on the principal of this note \$36.00, and I recommend that the incoming Grand Master take this matter up with Endeavor Lodge No. 262 and make a settlement in some way. The note is dated January, 1895, and should be disposed of without delay.

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

On February 13th, 1911, I issued my proxy to M. W. Milton J. Hull, Past Grand Master, to attend the meeting of the Masonic Memorial Association to be held at Alexandria, Virginia, on February 22d, for the purpose of considering the erection of "A Memorial to Washington, The Mason." In due time I received Brother Hull's report together with a certified copy of the minutes of the meeting and copies of the constitution adopted, all of which has been referred to the Committee on Memorial to Washington the Mason, who no doubt will make full report.

RELIEF.

On March 6th, 1911, I received a communication from the Grand Custodian giving full particulars of a worthy Master Mason in distress, and a member in good standing of Landport Lodge No. 1776, located at West Lea, No. 46, Allen's Road, South Sea, England, a regularly constituted lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, with whom we are in fraternal relations by exchange of Grand Representatives. I took up the matter with Wayne Lodge No. 120, who was caring for the brother, his wife and two children, and after receiving a full explanation from the lodge as to all the conditions and facts in the case, I wrote Brother Alpha Morgan, Grand Junior Warden, Treasurer of the Committee on Relief, and suggested that he send them a check for \$45.00 in addition to the check of \$25.00 previously sent by him on receipt of a like communication from the Grand Custodian. I suggested that this relief be charged to the \$2,000.00 appropriated for immediate use. Brother Morgan replied that he had sent Wayne Lodge a check for \$75.00, and will no doubt submit a full report on this case. I have since received a statement from Wayne Lodge No. 120 which shows that they have expended \$69.00 more than they have received from the Grand Lodge, and that in addition a few of the brethren made a purse of \$40.00 to pay traveling expenses and board to start the brother on his work. I have also received copies of the correspondence between the brother and his home lodge in England, and a letter from the Secretary of Landport Lodge No. 1776, West Lea, England, in which he states that he is authorized by his lodge to inform our good brethren at Wayne that the lodge in no way holds itself liable to pay any sums advanced by the Wayne brethren. I recommended that this matter be taken up with the Grand Lodge of England, and submit all papers herewith.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On June 18th, 1910, I received an unrecorded deed of a lot in the cemetery at Palmyra, Nebraska, in favor of Palmyra Lodge No. 45, (now extinct.) After due consideration of this matter, in view of the fact that there are two interments on the lot, and that the Grand Lodge does not care to profit on the real estate of defunct lodges, I returned the deed, suggesting that the same be recorded.

Under date of October 15th, 1910, I received an official communication from Bradshaw Lodge No. 255, charging the violation of paragraph i, Section 148, of the law. I officially requested M. W. James P. A. Black, Past Grand Master, to visit said lodge and endeavor to harmonize this matter, which he did, reporting to me his action and that the matter is now satisfactorily adjusted without having to prefer any formal charges.

An unofficial request was received from Trowel Lodge No. 71 as to whether it would be proper and lawful to permit the use of a wicket in the door of the lodge room for the purpose of announcing brethren seeking admission, instead of doing so in the usual way. I replied that it would not.

January 26th, 1911, I granted permission to Sioux Lodge U. D. to hold a reception February 21st, the same to be exclusively Masonic.

On request from the University of Illinois, through the office of the Grand Secretary, I directed him to furnish a complete set of our bound volumes and pamphlet proceedings for their library.

On May 22d, I granted permission to Lancaster Lodge No. 54, of Lincoln, to receive the petition of Charles H. Beaumont, an Entered Apprentice of Plumb Lodge No. 186, extinct, for the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees.

On May 22d, I approved the request of Covert Lodge No. 11, Omaha, requesting New Jerusalem Lodge No. 9 of the District of Columbia, to confer the Entered Apprentice degree on Mr. C. R. Tillotson, examine and report upon his proficiency, and if requested to confer the Master Masons degree.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

During the past year the Grand Lodge has been the recipient through the office of the Grand Master of a beautiful souvenir gavel from that grand old man and veteran Mason, Brother Henry T. Clarke. Not only has he favored the Grand Lodge with this beautiful token of his love and admiration of Freemasonry, but with unlimited generosity, all the subordinate lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, have thus been fraternally favored. I recommend that Brother Clarke be specially recognized by the Grand Lodge in this matter.

I recommend that the Orphans Educational Fund be placed under the management of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home and that the trustees of the fund be done away with. First; the Home board meets regularly, on the 5th of each month; there are a

dozen or more members, and we all know that the judgment of such a number in making investments is better than that of only three. Second; the Home board is the only active body that is controlled by the Grand Lodge; they are managing some \$90,000.00 worth of property, now owned by the Grand Lodge, with satisfaction, and I can see no reason why they cannot handle \$60,000.00 more just as satisfactorily. Third; the funds of the Orphans Educational Fund are now placed in a Treasurer's hands, and in payment are subject to his control alone; no one can draw funds excepting him, and he only knows the condition of his funds; they can be directed to his own use, should he be so inclined, and this not be detected by the committee; whereas the funds of the Home board are paid to the Secretary and deposited in a bank, designated by the board, which renders monthly statements and allows interest on the funds. They can only be drawn by orders, signed by both the President, or the Vice President, and the Secretary, and then only on a resolution by the board authorizing them. Fourth: the loans should be made by some body that has monthly meetings, so they can be considered and thoroughly discussed. The law should be changed so that a loan of not exceeding \$5,000.00 can be made, thus avoiding the necessity of taking two mortgages from one man, where more than \$2,500.00 is desired; the law was all right when it was enacted, but the fund has grown to such an amount that all the safeguards possible should be thrown around it.

REPRESENTATIVES.

The custom in this Grand Jurisdiction has always been to permit representatives to retain their office until some necessity arises for a change, such as removal from the Grand Jurisdiction, suspension, demission, or death. The commissions for the representatives provide that they shall terminate on St. John the Baptist's Day, or when the successor is accredited or appointed. Our law should be made to conform to what is now the custom, and we should have new blank commissions.

OFFICE OF GRAND TREASURER.

I recommend the abolishment of the office of Grand Treasurer, with all respect to our venerable and beloved Brother John B. Dinsmore. The funds of this Grand Body should be received by the Grand Secretary and deposited in a designated bank to be governed by conditions as to interest balances, with a main view to safety, and drawn out only on orders signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. Thus the Grand Lodge would receive interest on its balances, besides doing away with the expense of a Grand Treasurer's surety bond, and further it would require the signatures of two in place of one, to draw the funds, which would be kept in the name of the Grand Lodge only.

BY-LAWS.

Section 78 of our law should be amended so as to require a two-thirds vote of the lodge to adopt or amend by-laws.

CORNER-STONES.

The Grand Lodge should pass on the matter of laying corner-stones where lodges build in connection with other parties, and as to whether the stone should be laid at the bottom of the first or of the second floor.

CONCLUSION.

Thus terminates a review of a strenuous year of arduous duties, at times under trying conditions; but they would have been more so, had it not been that I was strengthened and supported by loyal hearts and willing hands in my humble efforts to faithfully perform my official duty in honestly discharging the many obligations that must of necessity fall upon the shoulders of the Grand Master. If I have done aught that meets with your approval, (which I hope I have), I will cheerfully return the gavel to you with a heart full of gratitude, for the honor you have so generously bestowed upon me.

I thank you one and all, without distinction, as each Grand Lodge officer and all the Craftsmen throughout this Grand Jurisdiction have encouraged me, and rendered loyal support whenever possible, and while I have reached the meridian of manhood and the zenith of official honors, rest assured, as I descend the western slope towards the shadows of life's setting sun, the fondest recollections of my association with the grandest Fraternity on the globe, will ever remain in memory's vaults as the most pleasant experience of this life.

HARRY A. CHENEY,

Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, together with the following reports of the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Custodian, and the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, were referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge:

Having been notified that on June 21st, 1910, M. W. Harry A. Cheney, Grand Master, would be absent from the state for some time, in accordance with the law I assumed the duties of Grand Master, and report herewith my official acts for your consideration.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

On June 25th, to Minden Lodge No. 127 to elect and install its Secretary for the ensuing Masonic year, at any regular or special meeting, called for that purpose, on or before July 10th, 1910.

On July 20th to Hay Springs Lodge No. 177 to install the officers-
elect on the evening of July 25th.

In both cases the fees required by law were paid to the Grand
Secretary. In issuing these dispensations the lodges were directed to
give due and timely notice to all the members thereof residing within
twenty miles.

SEALS APPROVED.

The Grand Secretary having certified to me that the designs for
seals submitted by the following lodges were separate and distinct from
any others now in use in the Grand Jurisdiction, I approved the same
on the following dates:

On July 7th, 1910, Antelope Lodge No. 276.

On July 9th, 1910, Lee P. Gillette Lodge No. 272.

On July 12th, 1910, Ramah Lodge No. 275.

On July 23d, 1910, Crofton Lodge No. 273.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

On July 20th, 1910, I approved a code of by-laws for Crofton Lodge
No. 273.

BONDS APPROVED.

On June 24th, 1910, I approved the bond of M.'.W.'.Michael Dowl-
ing, Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, and on July 23d, 1910,
the bonds of M.'.W.'.John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, and R.'.W.'.
Francis E. White, Grand Secretary. All of these bonds are of the form
authorized by the Grand Lodge, as shown on page 524, proceedings of
1907.

DECISIONS.

I received a number of requests for interpretations of the law, and
they were all answered by reference to existing law or approved deci-
sions of former Grand Masters.

INTER-STATE COURTESIES.

On July 19th, 1910, I received a request from M.'.W.'.W. Frank
Pierce, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California, addressed to
M.'.W.'.Michael Dowling, Grand Master, and I forwarded it to St.
Johns Lodge No. 25, Omaha, asking that lodge to confer the Fellow
Craft and Master Masons degrees upon two brothers who had received
the Entered Apprentice degree and been elected to receive the other
two degrees in Corregidor Lodge No. 386, Manila, P. I., under the
jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California. The brethren on whose
behalf the request was made are officers in the United States Army,
and were transferred from Manila to Omaha. W.'.Brother Arthur J.

Jackson, Master of St. Johns Lodge No. 25, very fraternally complied with my request to confer the Fellow Craft and Master Masons degrees upon these brethren, and I have been advised unofficially that the work was done satisfactorily, and due notice sent through the proper channels to the Grand Lodge of California.

REQUEST TO REINSTATE DECEASED SUSPENDED MASON.

On July 9th, 1910, I received through the Grand Secretary's office a request from the widow of a suspended Master Mason that her husband be restored to good standing. I was advised from the Grand Secretary's office that similar requests had been refused, and the principle laid down that there is no power to change the status of a brother who had died under sentence of suspension. I was therefore compelled to decline to take any action in the matter.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

On July 28th, 1910, assisted by W. John J. Tooley, as Deputy Grand Master, R. W. James R. Cain, Jr., Grand Senior Warden, Brother Charles F. Beck, 14, as Grand Junior Warden, Brother Nathan P. McDonald 46, as Grand Treasurer, Brother Oscar R. Allen, 1, as Grand Secretary, V. W. George A. Beecher, Grand Chaplain, Brother Elmer J. Burkett, 19, as Grand Orator, W. Samuel S. Whiting, 54, as Grand Marshal, Brother Clayton E. Hadley, 14, as Grand Senior Deacon, Brother Franklin P. Majors, 14, as Grand Junior Deacon, Brother Sidney W. Maynard, 162, as Grand Senior Steward, Brother C. V. Williams, 14, as Grand Junior Steward, Brother John M. Goodloe, 105, as Grand Standard Bearer, Brother Edwin C. Yont, 162, as Grand Sword Bearer, Brother John K. Henninger, (Concordia, Kansas), as Grand Pursuivant, and Brother Asa C. Montgomery, 105, as Grand Tyler, I opened an occasional Grand Lodge at Peru, Nebraska, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of the administration building of the Peru Normal School. After the Grand Lodge was opened, a procession was formed, and we marched to the grounds, where, in the presence of the State Normal Board and a large concourse of citizens and students, the corner-stone was laid with the full ceremonial of Ancient Craft Masonry. A large number of the officers and members of Peru Lodge No. 14 and the surrounding lodges was present and assisted in the ceremonies. At the conclusion the procession was reformed, marched to the lodge room, and the occasional Grand Lodge was closed. I am greatly indebted to W. Brother Samuel S. Whiting, our Grand Senior Deacon, for going to Peru on the day preceding the ceremonies and so successfully arranging all the details necessary for an occasion of this kind. Every detail was properly cared for, and his forethought contributed very much to the success of the event.

On July 26th, 1910, I received a request to lay the corner-stone of the high school building at Silver Creek not later than Friday of the

following week. As this did not give ample time to make preparations for properly performing the ceremony, I reluctantly declined the invitation. In my judgment the Grand Lodge should not conduct any public ceremony unless it has ample time to arrange to do the work properly; and one week is not sufficient time to notify the Grand Officers and give them an opportunity to attend a meeting of this kind.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION.

On August 2d, 3d, and 4th, 1910, by invitation of M. W. Robert E. French, our Grand Custodian, I attended a school of instruction held in Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney, for the purpose of instructing those brethren selected from various parts of our Grand Jurisdiction to assist our Grand Custodian in his work. The school was well attended, and much information was given the assistants. Their zeal, and the interest manifested during the sessions, were all that could be desired, the brethren vying with each other in a friendly manner, and each one striving to be perfect in the rendition of the work. The few errors were pointed out, commented on, and corrected. The Grand Custodian is to be commended for his selection of the brethren to assist him in the work. The Grand Lodge is also to be congratulated upon the fact that it has so many brethren of standing and ability in different parts of the state who are ever ready and willing to make sacrifices for the good of Masonry.

RECOMMENDATION.

During the time I was acting Grand Master I had almost daily correspondence with the Grand Secretary's office, the Grand Secretary being absent from the Grand Jurisdiction. From personal knowledge I can say that the work was carried on in a complete and satisfactory manner. All matters submitted to the office were promptly cared for in a businesslike and systematic manner, which reflects great credit upon the ability of, and shows a great knowledge of the affairs of the office by, those who are assisting the Grand Secretary. In looking over the appropriation for many years past I find that the salaries of the employees of the Grand Secretary's office, in my judgment, are too small. They do not receive a fair compensation for the services rendered, nor as large as is paid by business houses in Omaha for the same class of work. The Grand Lodge can afford, and ought, to pay its faithful employees more than a sufficient sum to provide a bare living, and I believe when its attention is called to this fact it will very gladly do so. In my judgment the salaries of both the employees of the Grand Secretary's office should be \$900.00 per annum.

CONCLUSION.

On August 5th, 1910, business called me out of the state, and I notified R. W. James R. Cain, Jr., our Grand Senior Warden, to

assume the duties of Grand Master from and after August 7th, until my return or that of Grand Master Cheney. In calling upon Brother Cain to act as Grand Master, I informed him that it gave me great pleasure to cast the mantle of that official upon the shoulders of one so worthy, and who, I had no doubt, would wear it with honor to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. I also notified the Grand Secretary's office to forward all communications addressed to the Grand Master to Brother Cain.

HENRY GIBBONS,
Deputy Grand Master.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska :

GENERAL FUND.

On hand as per last report.....	\$24,834.49
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	34,270.56
Interest on deposits.....	228.60
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Total	\$59,333.65
Paid orders Nos. 3088 to 3200, inclusive.....	\$36,355.54
Balance on hand.....	22,978.11
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	\$59,333.65

RELIEF FUND.

On hand as per last report.....	\$1,901.87
Received from the Grand Secretary.....	1,920.50
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	\$3,822.37
Paid order No. 2773.....	\$1,901.87
Balance on hand.....	1,920.50
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	\$3,822.37

RECAPITULATION.

General fund on hand.....	\$22,978.11
Relief fund on hand.....	1,920.50
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Total funds on hand.....	\$24,898.61

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN B. DINSMORE,
Grand Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

I submit herewith my report for the year ending June 5th, 1911.

Petitions for charters from Sioux and Litchfield Lodges U. D., and all the papers relating thereto were forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations; also a request for a continuation of the dispensation, and the books, papers, etc., of Wallace Lodge U. D. All the papers relating to grievances were forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee on Grievances for examination and report.

A second edition of the Monitor and Ceremonies was printed after the last session of the Grand Lodge; and the edition of the funeral services ordered issued at the last session, was printed. One copy was sent to each lodge, one to each Past Grand Master, and one to each present Grand Officer. The edition of the Law of Freemasonry, ordered published at the last annual communication, was issued on November 14th, 1910; and one copy was sent to each lodge, one to each present Grand Officer, one to each Past Grand Master, to each Assistant Grand Custodian, and to the Grand Secretary of the Order of the Eastern Star.

RETURNS FROM LODGES.

Returns from all chartered lodges and statements of work from the lodges under dispensation have been received, and all accounts between lodges and the Grand Lodge have been settled for the year ending March 31st, 1911.

VOTES ON AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The vote on the amendment to the constitution (Article XII, Section 2) submitted at the last annual communication is as follows: 172 lodges adopted it; 49 rejected it; and 28 have not reported voting on the amendment. All of the lodges were supplied with the necessary blanks for reporting their action on the amendment; and all lodges that had not reported action thereon were again furnished blanks in April.

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH DEBIT.

Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, May 20th, 1910	\$24,334.49
Received from mileage and per diem returned.....	8.00
Received from charter fees from lodges Nos. 273 and 275....	100.00
Received for 15 special dispensations issued (1 for 2 degrees)	160.00
Received for dispensation fees for Sioux, Litchfield, and Wallace Lodges U. D.	75.00
Received from penalties assessed by the Grand Lodge in 1910	46.11
Received from dues on 17,600 members at \$1.50 each.....	26,400.00

Received for supplies sold.....	1,476.45
Received for interest on daily balances.....	228.60
Received for fees on 1,201 initiations at \$5.00 each.....	6,005.00
Total	\$59,333.65

GRAND LODGE GENERAL FUND, CASH CREDIT.

Telephone	\$ 30.00
Blanks	92.00
Incidental expenses	43.81
Postage, telephone calls, telegrams, and expressage.....	243.26
Nebraska Masonic Home, per capita tax, year ending March 31st, 1911	13,200.00
Transferred to the Relief Fund, ten per cent. of the fees and dues	1,920.50
Special relief	2,000.00
Janitor	53.25
Stationery	42.00
Clerk hire, Grand Secretary, to June 1st, 1911	1,200.00
Francis E. White, salary to June 1st, 1911.....	1,800.00
Robert E. French, salary to June 1st, 1911.....	1,200.00
Robert E. French, expense of Grand Custodian.....	600.00
Expense of Grand Master	227.45
Clerk hire of Grand Master	235.00
Promulgation of the work	219.13
Supplies purchased during the year	2,103.55
Committee on Returns	50.00
Committee on Foreign Correspondence	100.00
Grand Tyler, session of 1910	15.00
Assistants to Grand Treasurer, session of 1910.....	10.00
Stenographer, session of 1910	10.00
Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, commission on loans..	193.00
Refund of fee for special dispensation to Parian Lodge No. 207	10.00
Insurance on supplies	40.00
Pay-roll, session of 1910	3,772.94
Premium on Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's bonds	70.00
Printing Law of Freemasonry, edition of 1910.....	127.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1910.....	718.50
Printing reports of officers and advance copy, 1910.....	83.25
Printing charters for six new lodges.....	60.00
Printing and binding Volume 9.....	580.40
50 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	5,000.00
Jewel for the Grand Orator.....	5.50
Masonic Temple Craft, rent, heat, and light.....	250.00

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GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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Grand Treasurer's salary to June, 1911.....	50.00
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Paid out during the year	\$ 36,355.54
Balance in the Grand Treasury May 20th, 1911.....	22,978.11
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Total	\$ 59,333.65

RELIEF FUND.

May 20th, 1910, balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer..	\$1,901.87
Special appropriation for relief at last session.....	2,000.00
May 20th, 1911, ten per cent. of fees and dues.....	1,920.50
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Total	\$5,822.37
June 9th, 1910, paid Frank H. Young, Chairman Committee on Relief	\$1,901.87
June 9th, 1910, paid Frank H. Young, from General Fund	2,000.00 3,901.87
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Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	\$1,920.50

SUPPLY ACCOUNT.

Balance on hand, as per last report.....	\$ 535.51
Purchased during the year.....	2,103.55
Sold during the year	\$1,476.45
Issued free during the year	169.75
On hand March 20th, 1911.....	992.86
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	\$2,639.06 \$2,639.06

INVENTORY.

346 shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	\$34,600.00
General Fund, cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer....	22,978.11
Relief Fund, cash in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.....	1,920.50
Grand Lodge jewels	233.00
Grand Lodge library furniture	1,664.64
Grand Lodge library	992.48
Supplies on hand for sale and issue	992.86
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Total assets as shown by the ledger.....	\$63,381.59

NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

The number of shares issued by the Nebraska Masonic Home association is 535, of which the Grand Lodge owns 346.

The cash on hand and the amount received during the year

1910 was\$23,251.22

The disbursements, including purchase of securities, during
the year amounted to..... 20,149.21

Leaving a balance, cash on hand, January 23d, 1911..\$ 3,102.01

The cost of maintaining the Home for the year 1910 was \$7,942.47. During the year 1910 five residents were regularly admitted to the Home, and forty-four persons were cared for a portion of the time. \$409.85 was received from lodges and individuals for maintenance. Four men died during the year; and one brother and his wife, regular residents, left the Home; leaving at the Home on January 1st, 1911, fifteen men, twelve women, and two boys, a total of twenty-nine. Since January 1st, 1911, nine applicants have been ordered admitted; six of them are now there, and the other three will be received when they are ready to go. At the date of this report there are at the Home fourteen women, twenty men, and two boys. Of those whose applications have been favorably acted upon, but who have not yet gone to the Home, there are two women and one man; which will make a total of sixteen women, twenty-one men, and two boys; total thirty-nine.

The cost of maintaining a resident at the Home for the year 1910 was \$263.41; which was an increase over the cost for the year 1909 of \$15.57 for each individual. \$782.85 was contributed during the year for furnishing rooms and for other items of furnishing. The furnishing has cost to January 1st, 1911, \$8,815.92. Of this sum \$6,426.00 was donated by individuals, Masonic lodges, Grand Chapter and chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Grand Commandery and commanderies of Knights Templar, Scottish Rite bodies, chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, and temples of the Mystic Shrine. A large number of contributions were made direct to the Home by individuals, Masonic bodies, and the Order of the Eastern Star. The amount contributed towards maintenance in the way of milk, chickens, meat, eggs, and vegetables, etc., produced at the Home was \$599.13. Commanderies of Knights Templar in the Grand Jurisdiction donated \$343.69 to purchase medical supplies for the residents of the Home.

During the year an ice-house and cold storage plant was erected at a cost of about \$1,300.00. On March 1st a full and complete statement, with a report of the annual meeting of the stockholders and the meeting of the Board of Trustees, held on January 23d, 1911, was sent to all lodges and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Jurisdiction, and to many others. During the year the Board of Trustees purchased a cottage, and one quarter of the block on which the Home stands, at a cost of \$2,500.00. At the annual meeting of the stockholders on January 23d, 1911, the articles of incorporation were amended, abolishing the office of Treasurer, and placing the receipt and disbursement of all money directly in the hands of the Board of Trustees, said board des-

ignating where the money is to be deposited. The money is drawn out only upon orders signed by the regular officers.

FRANCIS E. WHITE,,
Grand Secretary.

REPORT OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

The time has come for us to say,
What each has done in his day.
Whether he has been true to his trust
Or an unfaithful servant and unjust.

"The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places, yea I have a goodly heritage."

No clouds of sorrow, sickness or distress,
Have shadowed my path with bitterness,
All has been well and is with me and mine,
Under God's watchful care and love divine.

The Grand Master under whose orders the work of the Grand Custodian is formally directed, has ever been kind, considerate, and conscientious in all his relations with the duties of the Grand Custodian. Never arrogant nor arbitrary, but as a brother and friend, as a Mason to a Mason, he has been a Mason in all the term implies. May our Heavenly Father bless him and his household.

"Behold how good and how pleasant" thus to see,
Brethren high and low working in unity,
Each one striving to do his part
Prompted only by an altruistic heart.

My official relations with the Craftsmen have been all that could be desired or wished for. Differences of opinions as to what the phraseology of the work is and should be, have always been, and I suppose always will be; and a grammatical error is a greater Masonic offense in the eyes of some than a flagrant violation of the moral or Masonic law. Principle, not words, is the spirit of Masonry.

A formal circular was issued under date of June 24th, to every lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction, giving a complete list of all the lodges where formal schools of instruction would be held during the year, also stating in full detail the methods, and the requirements of officers. A formal circular was also issued to each lodge thirty days in advance of each formal date as follows:

"Exhibit A."

OFFICE OF THE GRAND CUSTODIAN.

Kearney, Neb.,....., 191..

To the Master, Wardens and Brethren of.....Lodge

No.A. F. & A. M.....Nebr.

Wor. Sir and Brethren. Fraternal Greeting.

The Custodian fraternally calls your attention to the change of Program of the School of Instruction from what it has been heretofore. Note carefully Custodian's circular under date of June 24, 1910. Also Custodian's circular under date of..... You will observe that the Custodian can only remain one day with each lodge. The Grand Lodge requires a full report of the attendance and proficiency of each and every officer, an inventory of all the furniture, accessories and paraphernalia, condition of lodge rooms, amount of delinquent dues, insurance, etc., form of records (see pages 81-82-83 and 84, Nebr. Monitor for correct form.) Examination of Master as to his knowledge of the Law, and his formal certificate as to whether the Law is being strictly observed and enforced. The Custodian fraternally and earnestly requests you as a Mason, to a Mason, from a Mason, to have every regular officer present at each session, and all things in readiness, that his report to the Grand Master may be a credit to your lodge in every respect, and as we are all working for one and the same purpose that of becoming "Wiser, Better and Happier," let us all pull together on the same cable-tow of unity, in the bonds of Brotherly Love, of "Who best can work and best agree." Knowing in whom we trust, doing what we came here to do, and exemplifying in our daily lives, and demonstrating by daily deeds, that the Power of a Master is to master himself in the upbuilding of the Altruistic Character and Unselfish Manhood.

To be a Mason True and bright,
So as to fill Life's stations right
With clean hands and a pure heart,
Ever live and act the manly part
As ever yours as in the past,
A friend and Brother to the last."

Generally speaking, all lodges near the vicinity of regular schools were formally notified by an official circular of the Grand Master, when and where the Grand Custodian's schools would be held, making it possible (except in a few instances) for all lodges to keep in touch with the work every year, with but little expense and effort on their part.

There have been ninety-one regular, and twelve special schools held from September 12th to April 29th. Total number of schools, one hundred and three. Total number of sessions, three hundred and thirteen. Number of lodges represented, one hundred and seventy-eight. Total number in attendance, five thousand and thirty-eight. Of the above, forty-two lodges have a membership of fifty or less. Sixty-one have a membership of fifty or more. Total number of miles travelled, eleven thousand and seven hundred.

Proposed regular schools: Adams, Ainsworth, Albion, Allen, Alma, Arcadia, Arlington, Arnold, Anselmo, Bartley, Battle Creek, Blair, Bloomfield, Brownville, Butte, Belgrade, Broken Bow, Bradshaw, Cedar Bluffs, Cedar Rapids, Chapman, Clarks, Cortland, Creighton, Crete, Curtis, Calhoun, Central City, Chadron, Callaway, Crofton, Clay Centre, David City, Danbury, Diller, Dorchester, Elk Creek, Elmwood, East Lincoln, Edgar, Elwood, Elgin, Franklin, Falls City, Fremont, Fairmont, Fairfield, Gering, Gothenburg, Guide Rock, Genoa, Gandy, Havelock, Hebron,

Hickman, Hildreth, Iolbrook, Holdrege, Hooper, Huntley, Juniata, Kenesaw, Laurel, Liberty, Lincoln, Lyons, Madison, Merna, Minden, Morrill, Nehawka, Nelson, Omaha, O'Neill, Ord, Oxford, Papillion, Phillips, Pierce, Randolph, Red Cloud, Republican City, Reynolds, Rising City, Saint Edward, Saint Paul, Schuyler, Shelton, Sidney, Stanton, Sterling, Stockville, Stuart, Superior, Table Rock, Tobias, Ulysses, Utica, Wakefield, Wauneta, West Point, and Wood River.

Of the above number the following were cancelled at their own request: Clay Centre, Dorchester, Gandy, Havelock, Hickman, Liberty, Calhoun, Diller, Saint Edward, Table Rock, Brownville, Stuart, Cortland, and Tobias. All of the above seemed to have just cause for cancellation, and all are entitled to and should be dated for regular schools the coming year. The following were not formally dated by the Grand Custodian, it being too late in the season to warrant successful schools, viz: Crofton, Elgin, Fairfield, Hebron, and Reynolds. As above, these lodges are all entitled to regular schools the coming year, at such time as will be convenient for them to attend, without too much sacrifice of time and business.

Special schools were held at Lexington, Chappell, Bertrand, Wilsonville, McCook, Ansley, Orleans, Fullerton, Waterloo, University Place, Niobrara, and Dakota City.

In dating special schools they are always held en route to regular schools, without incurring any extra expense in travelling.

EXAMINATIONS FOR LODGES U. D. D.

In compliance with Article XII, Par. 2, of the constitution, and by the official order of the Grand Master, formal examinations were made for lodges U. D. D. at Wallace, Lincoln County, and Litchfield, Sherman County. All the requirements as to proficiency, room, number, and accessories were substantially and cheerfully complied with by the petitioners.

Again the wisdom of Grand Master Dowling in his recommendation No. 6, has been demonstrated to be a fact in the preserving of the dignity of Masonry, and the exalted position it should ever maintain in its symbolic representation of the most sacred place in the temple. These new lodges U. D. D. are more proficient in the work, have better furnished rooms, and are more fully equipped with all the necessary accessories than some lodges that I know of that have been chartered for a quarter of a century, whose effects, bag and baggage, could all be packed in an ordinary grip and checked on a personal ticket, and then come to spare without limitations on extra baggage.

My formal reports are all on file with the Grand Master, they are open for examination to all concerned.

"To preserve the reputation of the Fraternity,
Unsullied must be your constant care,"
Was an admonition solemnly imparted,
To all who work upon the unerring square.

GRAND LODGE FUNCTIONS.

In compliance with an official order of the Grand Master, I perfected all the preliminary arrangements and assisted in dedicating the beautiful Masonic Temple at Geneva. Twenty-one years ago, as Grand Master, it was my pleasure and happy privilege to officially dedicate the first temple erected by the zealous Craftsmen of No. 79. Many of the Grand Officers who so ably assisted me in the solemn ceremonies on that occasion have turned a bend in life's journey beyond our mortal vision. The chairs that were then occupied by Brothers Furnas, Slaughter, Kent, Bowen, and Gillette, who were all present then, are vacant now, and I stood as it were alone, the only Grand Lodge Officer who was present twenty-one years ago.

I wondered why that I was spared?
 And left as it were to wander alone,
 While those whose love I oft had shared,
 Have gone and left me, one by one.

CONSTITUTING NEW LODGES.

At the request of the Grand Master, it was my pleasure and happy privilege after perfecting all the preliminary arrangements, to be present at and assist in constituting the new lodges located at Elgin, Crofton, Walthill, Dunbar, Bertrand, and Morrill. Here again was a practical exemplification of doing things right by starting right, in the matter of being fully equipped with all that is necessary in making a lodge room "just, regular, and perfect." Just in its numbers, regular by its charter, and perfect by its lights and all its arrangements.

Order is Heaven's first law, then my fellow man
 Let us in sublimity and awe, demonstrate God's Plan.

At the request of R. W. Brother Henry Gibbons, acting Grand Master, I commenced to perfect the preliminary arrangements for the laying of the corner-stone of the administration building of the State Normal School at Peru, but from some reason my methods (although in perfect harmony with the adopted ceremonies) were not agreeable to some of the State Board, for which reason I declined to act. I have nothing to do with any Masonic function that attempts to use Masonry as a second fiddle, or a whip cracker to herd the gang. (Suffice to say, no ill-will toward any one.)

This grand old institution, universal in its creed,
 Knows just what is right to do and just what we need.

Special visitations, as the representative of the Grand Master, were formally made under his official order, as follows: May 2d, Israel, No. 187, Ulysses; May 3d, North Star, No. 227, University Place; May 9th, Minden, No. 127, Minden. These visitations were all made for the pur-

pose of investigating past as well as present conditions. Formal reports have been submitted to the Grand Master in each case.

FUNERALS.

I have conducted only three funerals in the last year, and they at such times as not to interfere with regular dated schools. For this reason the law was not violated in not consulting the Grand Master. My idea of a Masonic funeral is, that if it is desired, a formal request should be made by the brother before his demise; and in case of his not doing so, then by his nearest relatives. They should always be consulted and their wishes complied with, as this is purely a personal matter. If performed by a Masonic lodge, it is a solemn duty, to be carried out with strict decorum and in an impressive manner. Under no consideration should a lodge insist upon a Masonic funeral, or attempt to influence any one against his personal wishes.

When the time comes for me to pass away,
I will not be sleeping in mother clay,
My life is with God, not fleeting breath,
The soul of man never dies; there is no death.

LAW NOT FULLY OBSERVED AND OBEYED.

After a personal inspection of the records, and observation along other lines, I find the following sections of the law are not universally complied with: Sections 54, Proceedings and Code to be read; Section 66, Master Masons' Examination; Section 73, Smoking in lodge room; Section 78, Signing By-Laws; Section 134, Avouchment; Paragraphs b, c, g, and k of Section 148, all of which have been formally reported to the Grand Master, who, I know, has taken up each individual case as reported, and directed a more strict compliance with the spirit, as well as the letter of the law.

In the matter of smoking (Section 73), the letter of this law is very ambiguous. To fill a lodge room proper or a preparation room full of smoke of the filthy weed, then close all the doors and windows after the sound of the gavel is heard, leaves it in a fine condition to represent the "middle chamber" or "Sanctum Sanctorum" of the Most Holy Place of the temple.

Don't smoke in your lodge room, with the vile weed,
Act the gentleman by showing you are of good breed.

Paragraph c of Section 148 is also being violated in some cases. How about the formal resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge June 9th, 1908. Holding Masters responsible to Grand Masters and Grand Masters responsible to the Grand Lodge for the enforcement of this section of the law, if "stand to and abide by" is only a matter of form, why not cut out the form? If the Mason's search for "Divine Truth"

does not reveal a power that controls our appetites, subdues our passions, and frees us from the allurements of all the vices, then the boasted claim of Masonry is a misnomer, and there is no such a victory as "the subjugation of the human by the Divine."

But, dearly beloved brethren, as loyal Freemasons, as sons of Light and as Truth seekers, we know better; we know that "there is strength in the Lion of the Tribe of Judah," to awake the living truth in the soul of man; that Divine Truth that makes him a free man and a Freemason. Let us remember the tender mercies of our Father in Heaven; let us assist the prodigal brother to arise and go to this Father of Love, before we cut off the branch from the tree or the limb from the body, unless he is determined to remain a son of perdition.

Let us do our duty to each other,
 Our full duty as brother to brother.
 On bended knee in humble prayer,
 A brother's heavy burden let us share.
 And with strong hand behind his back,
 Guide him safely along the narrow track.

Please do not censure me for what I have said—you brought it out by your own formal actions. See third paragraph of adopted report on page 307, proceedings 1910. As I understand this resolution, it makes the Grand Custodian the "drain man, or the servant of the house" by making him a mouthpiece to the Grand Master in reporting all violations of the law. If I am to be a range rider running at large, with the responsibility of rounding up the subordinate lodges and corralling them for the Grand Master, why not include the Grand Lodge in the same circle and make a clean job of the whole business?

So that each may clearly understand,
 The right from the wrong brand,
 Freemasonry knows no great or small,
 But on one plane it levels all.

PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

(See page 307, proceedings 1910, first and second paragraphs.) After ten years and six months of actual experience by personal visitation of all the lodges in the state, and having held four thousand, two hundred and two sessions in six hundred and forty-seven different schools, if this actual service does not qualify the present Grand Custodian to know all the conditions of each of the lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction, as to their proficiency, furniture, and accessories, there must be one fool in the Grand Lodge's roster, and you cannot miss the fool of the family by hitting the present Grand Custodian.

If Section 8 of Chapter II. of the law had to be strictly enforced to the letter, viz., that of requiring each and every lodge to practice in every respect the uniform and established work of this Grand Lodge,

so as to be word proficient, perfect in letter, the present method and the Grand Custodian are failures; better change horses before you undertake to cross another stream. He who has not the power of discrimination to know the real from the unreal, the eternal from the temporal, truth from error, fact from fiction, that which is symbolized from the symbol, significance from ceremony; he who has not been brought to the knowledge of the fact that ancient Freemasonry has within itself a code of symbolic teaching pertaining to life and the laws of existence, that no other institution, order, or fraternity has on the face of the earth, is not yet duly and truly prepared to enter the arcana vault of Freemasonry and bring forth its eternal truths. He who has not the true spirit of devotion to right and the moral courage to stand for the right and to do what is right, because it is right, without regard to gain or loss, should be an humble follower and not a titled leader, catering to the voices of the many, instead of the still small voice of the MASTER. Freemasonry demands just such altruistic leaders; just such noble and pure men; just such loyal and true standard bearers, to place its banner on the adamant heights of TRUTH and LIBERTY. All know that the present incumbent has not these essential qualifications, but none knows it as well as he does. But that is no just reason why Grand Lodges should not awake from their somnambulistic dreams of rote ritualism, performed in a perfunctory poll-parrot manner, which has never fed the hungry or brought a brother from darkness to light.

Oh! the longing of the soul,
Oh! the craving for the light,
Of the power that makes men whole,
In the knowledge of the right.

In order that I might be prepared to meet every necessity referred to by paragraph second of the report of the committee, after my arrival home from Grand Lodge, I took up the matter with those whom I knew to be competent brethren to assist in the promulgation of the work under the provisions of this formal action of the Grand Lodge. This involved much time and correspondence, and considerable expense. After a formal acceptance of the proposition and the several requirements specifically set forth therein, a special date was made in Kearney for examination and instruction of all those who wished to become assistants in the work. After a rigid examination and a careful harmonizing of the differences, the following brethren were formally recommended to the Grand Master for appointment:

M. W. John J. Mercer, of No. 3, Omaha.
W. Samuel S. Whiting, of No. 54, Lincoln.
W. Walter W. Wells, of No. 34, Valentine.
W. Ensign J. Rix, of No. 55, Norfolk.
W. James D. Phillips, of No. 93, Beaver City.
W. Frank W. Boyer, of No. 11, Omaha.

W. Ernest H. James, of No. 1, Omaha.

W. Fred A. Howe, of No. 119, North Bend.

W. John J. Tooley, of No. 258, Anselmo.

The appointments of all the above bretheren are valid for only one year, and will expire, like those of all other appointed officers of the Grand Lodge, at the end of the present year. I believe there is merit in the proposition, and it is worthy of careful consideration when understood and adjusted as intended by the report of the committee; but like a new garment, it has to be fitted, for it cannot be properly adjusted on sight. It must of necessity take some time to fit the warp and woof together so that all shades of color harmonize. Not a single proposition has been made or an appointment recommended without the full knowledge, consent, and approval of the Grand Master and the Committee on Promulgation of the Work. If this proposition does not meet the conditions, then the Grand Lodge should persistently keep on until it finds some method that will. Do not let that phantom of changing the work disturb your meditations in the least. There are more competent brethren in the state today, well qualified to promulgate the uniform work, than at any time, to my personal knowledge, in the last ten years. The more brethren who hold commissions to promulgate the work, the better the opportunity for more brethren to get it correctly. The Grand Lodge is surely endeavoring to do its part most generously in this important matter. If many of the lodges would only take the same interest in themselves that the Grand Lodge does, there would be a much higher standard in every particular than at present. If the Masonic admonition of "who best can work and best agree" would inspire the heart of every Mason, what a change would come over the scene. If Masons would strive as hard to demonstrate in daily deeds the principles of True Brotherhood, as some of them strive to gain titles that don't fit them, Masonry would command a higher respect from the world at large, more especially from good and true men. Too many lay off their Masonry with their aprons, and leave it in the lodge room for weeks, months, and sometimes years; the only time they ever mention Masonry is when they meet some corresponding pessimist, and charge some true Mason as wanting to run the whole business. If someone did not take more interest in running it than they do, the sprig of acacia would be blooming over the dust of many Masonic altars. Alas! My Brother, "Tekel"! Remember the symbol of the beehive, and the fate of the drone. What come you here to do? And why don't you do it?

Acting upon the Grand Master's decision that no Grand Lodge funds should be expended for special schools by assistants, except where there was an absolute necessity, viz: that the lodge could not comply with Section 8 of Chapter II, relative to proficiency, and then only after a formal examination by the Grand Custodian, confirming and certifying to the fact of their non-proficiency, the officers of each lodge were required to certify that they would devote their time, when the assistant came, to learning the work. Each assistant was required to file a formal

report with the Grand Custodian of the number of sessions held, the attendance of each officer, and the actual expense incurred. Each assistant was allowed four dollars per diem and expense for time employed. The Grand Master's decision is in perfect harmony with Section 8 of Chapter II. of the law, and the adopted report of the committee, page 307, proceedings of 1910. It has been said, too much red tape. If systematic business and compliance with the law is red tape, give us some more of the tape worm. The letter of the law requires of the Grand Custodian a strict compliance with all of the provisions, and as long as "Uncle Bob" is your Grand Custodian, he is going to know what is being done, and how it is being done. Experience and acquaintance are two essentials of the Grand Custodian's office. "Fidelity to obligation and obedience to constituted authority," are both the written and unwritten law of Freemasonry, and he who does not live up to these fundamental principles and laws is not a loyal Mason, is unworthy of confidence, and should not be trusted.

Stand firm at your post in all that is right,
You will prove a host, and sure win the fight.

Under the above conditions and requirements, competent assistants were recommended to the Grand Master to hold special schools of instruction, as follows:

- W.'.Brother James D. Phillips, of No. 93, at No. 144.
- W.'.Brother James D. Phillips, of No. 93, at No. 185.
- W.'.Brother Samuel S. Whiting, of No. 54, at No. 208.
- W.'.Brother Fred A. Howe, of No. 119, at No. 230.
- W.'.Brother John J. Tooley, of No. 258, at No. 171.

I have not received any formal report from Brother Tooley. All the other assistants have submitted formal reports in detail. I have received communications from all the lodges where these special schools were held, except No. 185, speaking in the most complimentary terms of the good work done by these zealous brethren, and the practical results received from their labors. By reason of being called to the bedside of one of our veteran Past Grand Masters, and with the knowledge and consent of the Grand Master, I assigned W.'.Brother Ensign J. Rix, of No. 55, to fill out my regular dates at Laurel and Allen, which was complied with in a most pleasing and satisfactory manner to all concerned.

Total expense incurred in conducting the above special schools, including all correspondence by stenographer, postage and printing, with the committee and assistants.....\$219.13
Balance of appropriation unexpended..... 280.87

That there are many other lodges that are in need and would be practically benefited by formal instructions from these competent and well qualified assistants, there is no question in the mind of the Grand

Custodian; and I hope and believe when it becomes better understood and some minor details adjusted, that much practical good can be obtained in raising the standard of the work.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At the request of the lodges, the Grand Custodian installed the officers of Rob Morris Lodge No. 46, Kearney; also the officers of Solar Lodge No. 134, Clarks. The last named lodge, No. 134, expected the Grand Custodian to give an oration, it being their silver anniversary, but they were sorely disappointed, as he does not orate. The Grand Custodian was also present at the official visitations and receptions of the M. W. Grand Master by Thistle Lodge No. 61, Lexington, and Emmet Crawford Lodge No. 148, Broken Bow. Both were happy events and a credit to the occasion.

CONCLUSION.

Thus ends the eleventh chapter of the eleventh year of your present Grand Custodian's official labors. I hope I have not done anything to the detriment or beneath the dignity of the honorable position in which I have tried to serve, lo these many years. I never meant to be personal in anything that I may have said. I only aim to deal with the principles of Freemasonry, as I understand them. If I am wrong in my conclusions, set me right, or set me out. Ancient Freemasonry, as I understand it, is not theology; it is not doctrine; it is not creed; it is the living experience of a living power, and it will live forever. "It teaches but the Truth, which being eternal, has no beginning in time and no end. It is the truth which makes us free, and hence true Freemasons are but men, who know, (or should know) the truth. Freedom lies in the close and intimate knowledge of the existence of God and immortality of the soul, and the brotherhood of man." "Being based upon eternal truth it has and is faithfully fulfilling its pacific and exalted position, inclining its members to love and charity, to moral courage and fortitude, to truth and the conscientious discharge of known duties. It has comforted the afflicted, brought back the erring to the path of virtue, dried the tears of the widow and orphan, and is the parent of many an institution for benevolent purposes." These are the planks of the Masonic platform, on which I stand and cannot fall. So say I to you, this is what we came here to do.

"What came you here to do?"

To learn my passions to subdue,
And thus become an honest man,
Reflecting God's own perfect plan.

To learn the law of brotherly love,
As taught by the Grand Master above,
To live an honest, upright life,
To avoid all contentious strife.

To shield the orphan from the storm,
To protect the widow from all harm,
To share a brother's heavy load,
To smooth his rough and ragged road.

To go on foot, no matter where,
 On bended knee to offer prayer,
 And in my breast ever to keep
 A brother's secret secure and deep.

With strong hand behind his back
 To keep him steady on the track,
 And tenderly whisper in his ear,
 Words of counsel and good cheer.

To be a master and rule the self,
 To stand for right and not for pelf,
 To be a Mason kind and true,
 That is what I came here to do."

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF GRAND CUSTODIAN.

May 4th, 1910, balance on hand.....	\$ 6.35
June 8th, 1910, appropriated, page 327, 10th item.....	600.00
	\$606.35

EXPENDED.

From May 4th, 1910, to May 8th, 1911:	
Transportation	\$153.65
Hotel	305.24
Postage	29.62
Telephones	20.63
Telegrams	11.36
Bus and baggage.....	6.65
Printing	34.87
Supplies and sundries.....	11.07
May 8th, 1911, balance on hand.....	33.26
	\$606.35

EXPLANATORY.

Of the above there was expended attending fifty-third annual communication	\$24.15
For stenographer	13.81
	\$37.96

It is hereby certified that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief; and that of the above account \$573.09 was expended in the discharge of my duties as Grand Custodian under the direction of the Grand Master, and \$37.96 was expended as shown above.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS.

May 8th, 1910, appropriated, page 328, 10th item.....		\$500.00
Aug. 8th, 1910, John J. Tooley.....	\$ 5.72	
Fred A. Howe.....	5.40	
Frank W. Boyer.....	7.48	
Samuel S. Whiting.....	5.52	
Walter W. Wells.....	13.80	
James D. Phillips.....	7.84	
Ernest H. James.....	7.48	
Ensign J. Rix.....	6.20	
Robert E. French (printing).....	15.08	
Sept. 10th, 1911 Ensign J Rix.....	30.70	
Nov. 16th, 1910, James D. Phillips.....	21.20	
Jan. 25th, 1911, James D. Phillips.....	34.17	
Jan. 25th, 1911, Samuel S. Whiting.....	29.51	
Feb. 14th, 1911, Fred A. Howe.....	22.24	
Mar. 25th, 1910, Robert E. French (stenographer)...	6.79	
	\$219.13	219.13
Balance unexpended		280.87
		<hr/> \$500.00

The above amount, \$219.13, was expended under the order of the Grand Master, and only in such cases as necessity demanded. Vouchers are hereby submitted.

ROBERT E. FRENCH,
Grand Custodian.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE ORPHANS EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.

The following report for the year ending at the close of business May 25th, 1911, is fraternally submitted on behalf of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand last report.....	\$57,450.00
Securities purchased:	
1910 June 20, Blomstedt.....	\$2,500.00
Sept. 17, Doman.....	800.00
Sept. 17, Cushing.....	800.00
1911 Jan. 5, Temple Craft, Callaway.....	2,000.00
Jan. 9, Jilek.....	1,000.00
Mar. 3, Jones.....	2,500.00
May 10, Brandow	2,000.00
May 19, Schellpeper.....	2,000.00
	<hr/> 13,600.00
	<hr/> \$71,050.00

Received on securities since last report:

1910	June 20, Voss, No. 6.....	\$1,000.00	
	Aug. 22, Thiel, No. 139.....	60.00	
	Sept. 17, Ermels, No. 161.....	1,600.00	
	Oct. 25, Thiel, No. 139.....	40.00	
	Dec. 7, Barrett, No. 146.....	900.00	
1911	Feb. 9, Doman, No. 184.....	800.00	
	Feb. 9, Beller, No. 171.....	1,000.00	
	Feb. 16, Thiel, No. 139.....	60.00	
	Mar. 3, Heath, No. 156.....	1,500.00	
	Mar. 18, Thiel, No. 139.....	40.00	
	Apr. 14, Uerling, No. 167.....	250.00	
	Apr. 24, Cushing.....	800.00	\$8,050.00
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			\$63,000.00

CASH.

Amount on hand last report.....	\$ 2,472.68
Received on account of securities.....	8,050.00
Received interest	3,326.18
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	\$13,848.86

LIST OF SECURITIES ON HAND.

NO.	BORROWER	AMOUNT	RATE	INT. PAID TO
44	Cole	\$ 800.00	6 per cent.	March ..10, 1911
62	Warren	100.00	6 " "	April ...20, 1910
131	Latta	1,300.00	5½ " "	July ....15, 1910
140	Sackett	1,300.00	5 " "	June ...23, 1910
141	Hart	1,500.00	5 " "	June ...26, 1910
142	Hart	1,500.00	5 " "	June ...26, 1910
145	Mathews	1,000.00	5 " "	August .18, 1910
147	Archibald	2,000.00	6 " "	January 1, 1911
150	Sklenar	1,000.00	5 " "	March ..24, 1911
151	Sklenar	1,500.00	5 " "	March ..25, 1911
152	McGraw	1,000.00	7 " "	April ... 1, 1911
153	Bean	300.00	6 " "	June ...21, 1910
154	Van Nostrand	2,500.00	5½ " "	July ....18, 1910
157	Westerfield	2,000.00	5 " "	March ...10, 1911
158	Richardson	1,200.00	5½ " "	April ... 1, 1911
159	Goll	2,500.00	5½ " "	March ...30, 1911
160	Roelfs	2,000.00	5 " "	January 1, 1911
162	Krause	1,000.00	5½ " "	October 1, 1910
163	Higgins	1,000.00	5 " "	December 1, 1910
164	Klingforth	2,000.00	5 " "	February 1, 1911
165	Wagner	1,500.00	5 " "	January 1, 1911
166	Woods	1,200.00	5 " "	February 1, 1911
168	Johnston	2,500.00	5 " "	May 1, 1911
169	Bombeck	900.00	5 " "	May 1, 1911
170	Tippery	1,000.00	5 " "	October . 1, 1910
172	Estill	1,000.00	5½ " "	March .. 1, 1911
173	Swanson	1,000.00	5 " "	January 1, 1911
174	Groat	2,000.00	6 " "	February 1, 1911
175	Eddy	1,000.00	5 " "	May 1, 1911

176 Jensen	1,000.00	5	"	"	March .. 1, 1911
177 Lordemann	1,600.00	5	"	"	March .. 1, 1911
178 Chenoweth	1,200.00	5	"	"	April ... 1, 1911
179 Anderson	2,500.00	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	March .. 1, 1911
180 Hopewell	2,000.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	January 12, 1911
181 Kelly	1,500.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	Interest not due
182 Jacobs	1,600.00	5	"	"	April 1, 1911
183 Blomstedt.....	2,500.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	May 1, 1911
186 Jilek	1,000.00	6	"	"	Interest not due
187 Jones	2,500.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	Interest not due
188 Temple Craft, Callaway...	2,000.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	Interest not due
189 Brandon	2,000.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	Interest not due
190 Schellpeper.....	2,000.00	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	"	"	Interest not due
	<u>\$63,000.00</u>				

DISBURSEMENTS.

For securities	\$13,600.00
“ interest earned	60.33
“ bond Wheeler & Welpton Co.	25.00
“ recording	7.50
“ abstract Hastings real estate	22.25
	<u>\$13,715.08</u>
Securities on hand	\$63,000.00
Cash on hand	133.78
	<u>\$63,133.78</u>

Fraternally submitted,

MICHAEL DOWLING,

Treasurer.

Past Grand Master Dowling presented the following report, and it was referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee fraternally reports that we have carefully examined the returns of all of the lodges in the jurisdiction, and present herewith a fable of statistics for the year ending March 31st, 1911. We have checked and counted the cards in the register, and find that they agree with the numbers under the different headings in the returns.

The following lodges were delinquent in sending in their returns, and are assessed the penalty in accordance with the law: No. 72, \$1.14; No. 85, \$1.32; No. 87, \$7.48; No. 90, \$0.58; No. 102, \$1.10; No. 114, \$2.07; No. 155, \$1.86; No. 159, \$1.59; No. 160, \$1.96; No. 165, \$0.68; No. 175, \$1.12; No. 200, \$1.48; No. 202, \$7.02; No. 217, \$2.87; No. 219, \$3.20; No. 231, \$0.58; No. 239, \$0.93; No. 250, \$6.16; No. 254, \$1.92; No. 259,

\$0.60; No. 260, \$0.72; No. 265, \$0.82; No. 271, \$2.97; No. 275, \$0.34; No. 276, \$1.53. Total, \$52.04.

The following lodges did not report delinquent dues, although in each case the Grand Secretary wrote the secretary of the lodge asking for a statement concerning them, to which no reply was received: Nos. 42, 59, 86, 97, 108, 114, 160, 166, 175, 182, 190, 217, 219, 221, 256, 259, 266, 267, and 271.

The following lodges did not report concerning the insurance carried on their real and personal property: Nos. 86, 121, 133, 150, 171, 174, 190, 261, 273, 274, and 276.

RETURNS.

Number of chartered lodges.....	250	
Number of lodges under dispensation.....	3	

Total	253	
Number initiated during the year.....	1,201	
Number passed during the year.....	1,092	
Number raised during the year.....		1,041
Number affiliated during the year.....		315
Number reinstated during the year.....		125
Number gained by other causes during the year		88
Total gross increase.....		1,569
Number demitted during the year.....		484
Number died during the year.....		222
Number suspended during the year.....		236
Number expelled during the year.....		3
Number lost by other causes during the year..		3
Total loss		948

Net gain for the year ending March 31st, 1911		621
Number of Master Masons on the rolls April 1st, 1910.....		17,886
Number of Master Masons on the rolls March 31st, 1911.....		18,507

FEES, DUES, AND OTHER ITEMS.

Fees on 1,201 initiations during the year at \$5.00 each.....	\$ 6,005.00
Dues on 17,886 members, less 46 members of lodges chartered last year, at \$1.50 each.....	26,760.00
Due for supplies.....	1,476.45

	\$34,241.45
Due lodges for exemption certificates.....	\$ 360.00
Due the Nebraska Masonic Home.....	13,200.00

Net amount due the Grand Lodge.....	\$20,681.45

MICHAEL DOWLING,

For the Committee.

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS TO THE GRAND LODGE

NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS										
		GAIN		LOSS					GAIN		LOSS								
		No. April 1, 1891	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1891	No. April 1, 1891	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss	No. on Rolls, March 31, 1891
Nebraska.....	1	43	46	89	44	1	45	44	11	44	55	45	45	10	4	6	10	10	
Western Star.....	2	17	7	24	6		6	18	4	6	10	4	4	6			4	6	
Capitol.....	3	48	37	85	31		31	54	17	31	48	28	2	30	18			18	
Nemaha Valley.....	4	5	2	7	1		1	6	2	1	3	2	1	2	1			1	
Omadi.....	5	17	6	23	7		7	16	5	7	12	5	5	7			7	7	
Plattsmouth.....	6	22	5	27	7		7	20	2	7	9	5	5	5	4			4	
Falls City.....	9	16	4	20	3		3	17	3	3	6	1	1	1	5			5	
Solomon.....	10	7	1	8	1		1	7	1	1	2	1	1	1	1			1	
Covert.....	11	60	46	106	41	4	45	61	26	45	71	40	2	42	29			29	
Orient.....	13	9		9	1		1	8	1	1	2	1	1	1	1			1	
Peru.....	14	7	2	9	3		3	6	1	3	4	3	3	1	1			1	
Fremont.....	15	13	10	23	6		6	18	6	6	12	10	10	2	2			2	
Tecumseh.....	17	18	6	24	3		3	21	7	3	10	2	2	2	8			8	
Lincoln.....	19	39	34	73	32		32	41	8	32	40	25	25	15	15			15	
Washington.....	21	7	2	9	2		2	7	4	2	6	2	2	4	4			4	
Pawnee.....	23	10	2	12	3		3	9	3	3	6	2	2	2	4			4	
St. Johns.....	25	83	31	114	31	1	32	82	21	31	52	32	1	33	19			19	
Beatrice.....	26	33	10	43	10		10	33	11	10	21	10	10	11	11			11	
Jordan.....	27	8	1	9	1		1	8	8	1	9	4	4	4	5			5	
Hope.....	29	6		6				6	1		1	1	1	1				1	
Blue River.....	30	2	1	3	1		1	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2			2	
Tekamah.....	31	7	1	8	1		1	7	4	1	5	2	2	2	3			3	
Platte Valley.....	32	15	21	36	21		21	15	9	21	30	18	18	12	12			12	
Ashlar.....	33	22	18	40	14		14	26	12	14	26	15	15	11	11			11	
Acacia.....	34	14	9	23	6	1	7	16	5	6	11	5	5	5	6			6	
Fairbury.....	35	20	8	28	4		4	24	9	4	13	7	7	7	6			6	
Lone Tree.....	36	3	7	10	7		7	3	4	7	11	5	5	5	6			6	
Crete.....	37	10	1	11	1		1	10	5	1	6			6	6			6	
Oliver.....	38	12	2	14	1		1	13	1	1	2	2	2	2				2	
Papillion.....	39	4	3	7	3		3	4	2	3	5	1	1	1	4			4	
Humboldt.....	40	7	5	12	5		5	7	2	5	7	5	5	5	2			2	
Northern Light.....	41	5	1	6	2		2	4	3	2	5	3	3	3	2			2	
Juniata.....	42	14	7	21	5	2	7	14	2	5	7	6	6	6	1			1	
Hebron.....	43	15	5	20	4	1	5	15	1	5	6	4	4	4	2			2	
Harvard.....	44	5	4	9	4		4	5	1	4	5	5	5	5				5	
Rob Morris.....	46	23	4	27	5		5	22	3	5	8	6	6	6	2			2	
Fairmont.....	48	14		14	2		2	12	3	2	5	3	3	3	2			2	
Evening Star.....	49	7	1	8	1		1	7	2	1	3	2	2	2	1			1	
Hastings.....	50	19	17	36	12		12	24	2	12	14	10	10	10	4			4	
Fidelity.....	51	16	5	21	7		7	14	4	7	11	5	5	5	6			6	

June, 1911.]

GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

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OF NEBRASKA FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 5911.

SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS											
No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	GAIN		Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	No. of Lodge	
	By Suspension	Other Causes			By Raising	By Admisson		Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes
43	9		52	49	380	45	15	443	7	6	9	1	23	420	1
40			40	39	147	4	7	159	3	3	3	3	3	156	2
96	17		113	107	491	30	6	533	8	10	17	35	35	493	3
17			17	17	38	2	2	40	4	2		2	2	38	4
20			20	20	83	5	1	89	1	2		3	3	86	5
27			27	25	123	5		128	2	4		6	6	122	6
17	15		32	30	101	1	2	106	4	2	15	21	21	85	9
137			137	123	43	42	7	44	7	8		15	15	44	10
10			10	10	504	1		560	7	7		1	1	546	11
14			14	13	56	3	2	62	2	2		2	2	60	14
31			31	31	261	10	4	275	5	4		9	9	266	15
33			33	32	95	2	1	98	1	1		2	2	96	17
82	1		83	83	525	7	7	557	7	10	1	18	18	539	19
14	1		15	14	109	2	1	113	4	1	1	6	6	107	21
28	8		36	33	99	2	2	106	2	2	8	10	10	96	23
119	13		132	131	577	32	9	620	5	8	13	26	26	594	25
68			68	62	192	10	4	213	3	3		7	7	206	26
19			19	19	42	4	1	47	4	3		3	3	44	27
25			25	23	27			29	2	2		2	2	27	29
7	1		8	8	46			46			1	1	1	45	30
17			17	16	105	2	2	110	5	5		5	5	105	31
31	2		33	32	180	18	3	203	3	3	2	8	8	195	32
55			55	52	205	15	6	227	5	5		5	5	220	33
39			39	38	66	5	2	74	4	4	1	5	5	69	34
27			27	25	160	7	7	176	4	4		8	8	168	35
33	3		36	35	99	5		105	4	4	3	7	7	98	36
27			27	25	82			84	3	1		4	4	80	37
28	1		29	29	108	2	2	110	1	2	1	4	4	106	38
15			15	15	41	1		42				4	4	42	39
14			14	14	42	5	1	48	1	1		1	1	47	40
18			18	17	55	3	2	61	1	4		5	5	56	41
22	6		28	28	50	6	1	57	1	6		6	6	51	42
31			31	31	97	4	1	102	1	3		4	4	98	43
10	3		13	13	49	5		54	1	1	3	4	4	50	44
51			51	51	195	6	3	204	7	7		7	7	197	46
26	3		29	29	60	3	1	64	3	1	3	7	7	57	48
25			25	25	57	2		59	1	3		1	1	58	49
28	3		31	29	243	10	5	260	3	3	3	6	6	254	50
28			28	28	109	1	1	115	5	5		5	5	110	51

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS							
		GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1911	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1911
		No. April 1, 1910	By Initiation		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes		No. April 1, 1910	By Passing		By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	
Hiram	52	7	1	8					8	3	3	1			1	2	
Charity	53	7	5	12	3			3	9	2	5	1			1	4	
Lancaster	54	49	32	81	26	2		28	53	15	43	30	2		32	11	
Mosaic	55	12	17	29	10			10	19	10	10	9			9	1	
York	56	12	7	19	7			7	12	1	8	6			6	2	
Mt. Moriah	57	10	7	17	7			7	10	5	12	9			9	3	
Lebanon	58	17	2	19	5		1	6	13	2	7	4			4	3	
Wahoo	59	6	5	12	3			3	9	3	6	3			3	3	
Melrose	60	19	1	20	3			3	17	2	5	4			4	1	
Thistle	61	8	6	14	4			4	10	2	6	5			5	1	
Keystone	62	5		5					5	1	1					1	
Riverton	63	7	2	9	2			2	7	1	2	2			2	1	
Blue Valley	64	4	1	5					5	3	3	2			2	1	
Osceola	65	12	5	17	5			5	12	4	9	4			4	5	
Edgar	67	5	2	7	3			3	4	3	6	4			4	2	
Aurora	68	13	2	15	4			4	11	7	11	5			5	6	
Sterling	70	14	3	17	5			5	12	2	7	2			2	5	
Trowel	71	16	11	27	10			10	17	5	15	4			4	11	
Hooper	72	7	5	12	6			6	6	3	9	9			9	9	
Friend	73	6	1	7	1			2	5	3	5	2			2	3	
Alexandria	74	3		3					3								
Frank Welch	75	13	11	24	12			12	12	6	18	10			10	8	
Joppa	76	5	4	9	3			3	6	3	6	3			3	3	
Nelson	77	7	4	11	4			4	7	4	4	4			4	4	
Albion	78	11	7	18	9			9	9	3	12	7			7	5	
Geneva	79	10	3	13	4			4	9	4	8	6			6	2	
Composite	81	3	7	10	6			6	4	2	8	5			5	3	
St. Paul	82	8	5	13	6			6	7	2	8	7			7	1	
Corinthian	83	8	2	10	2			2	8	3	5	3			3	2	
Fairfield	84	11	2	13	2			2	11	2	2	2			2		
Tyre	85	10	2	12					12	2	2					2	
Doniphan	86	4	1	6	2			2	4	2	4				4	4	
Ionic	87	13	5	18	3			3	15	4	7	1			1	6	
Star	88	5	3	8	2			2	6	1	3	2			2	1	
Cedar River	89	9	6	15	5			5	10	3	8	5			5	3	
Elk Creek	90	2	2	4	3			3	1	1	4					4	
Oakland	91	3	6	9	6			6	3	1	7	7			7		
Hubbell	92	5	3	8	3			3	5	3	3	3			3		
Beaver City	93	8	8	16	8			8	8	5	13	10			10	3	
Bennet	94	5	6	11	4			4	7	2	6	5			5		

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS									
No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	No. on Rols, March 31, 5911	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rols, March 31, 5911	No. of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes			By Raising	By Admission		Reinstatement	Other Causes	By Demission	By Death			By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes
27	1	1	27	25	52	1	54	1	7	1	1	53	52
29	1	1	30	29	87	2	91	3	3	3	1	84	53
51	3	1	51	51	395	14	441	13	4	1	17	424	54
34	3	1	37	37	121	9	133	5	1	3	9	124	55
27	1	1	28	28	250	6	262	7	7	1	15	247	56
10	10	2	10	8	64	9	75	6	1	1	7	68	57
9	9	9	9	9	112	1	117	2	2	1	2	115	58
29	15	2	29	27	87	3	95	3	3	1	6	89	59
15	15	1	15	15	68	4	73	7	1	1	8	65	60
19	19	1	19	18	97	5	106	1	3	1	4	102	61
13	1	1	14	13	60	2	63	1	1	1	1	62	62
10	10	1	10	10	46	2	49	1	1	1	1	48	63
21	21	1	21	21	80	2	82	2	2	2	2	81	64
9	9	1	9	9	82	4	86	1	1	1	2	84	65
10	10	1	10	10	90	4	94	1	1	1	1	93	67
26	3	3	29	29	118	5	125	4	1	3	8	117	68
10	2	12	12	12	40	2	42	2	2	2	4	38	70
23	23	23	23	23	76	4	82	1	1	1	2	80	71
9	9	9	9	9	57	9	64	2	2	2	2	65	72
20	20	2	20	18	50	2	54	2	1	1	3	51	73
6	6	6	6	5	35	1	35	1	1	1	1	34	74
14	14	1	14	13	86	10	99	8	1	1	4	95	75
14	14	2	14	11	41	3	47	3	3	3	3	44	76
15	15	1	18	18	59	4	64	4	1	1	2	62	77
12	6	1	18	17	63	7	73	4	2	6	11	62	78
36	3	3	36	33	142	6	155	4	2	2	6	149	79
12	2	1	14	13	27	5	35	3	1	2	6	29	81
36	5	5	41	39	150	7	160	2	2	5	9	151	82
9	9	1	9	9	30	3	33	1	2	1	4	32	83
5	5	1	5	4	75	2	78	2	2	1	4	74	84
20	20	20	20	20	44	1	44	1	1	1	1	43	85
16	16	16	16	16	36	1	37	1	1	1	1	36	86
10	10	10	10	10	68	1	70	1	1	1	1	69	87
9	4	4	13	13	47	2	49	3	3	4	7	42	88
20	4	4	24	23	83	2	91	1	2	4	7	84	89
10	10	10	10	10	29	7	29	1	3	1	5	29	90
3	1	1	4	4	69	7	76	1	3	1	5	71	91
9	3	1	18	18	44	3	49	1	2	3	8	48	92
15	3	1	18	18	104	10	115	3	2	3	107	83	
10	1	1	11	11	51	5	57	1	1	1	1	56	94

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS											
		No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Garfield	95	6	4	10	4		4	6	1	4	5			5			5				
Utica	96	4	3	7	1		1	6	1	1	2			2			2				
Euclid	97	9	4	13	2		2	11	1	2	3			2			2				
Republican	98	9	9	18	9		9	10	2	8	10			4			4				
Shelton	99	15		15	1		1	14	2	1	3			1			2				
Creighton	100	8	8	16	4		4	12	3	4	7			4			3				
Ponca	101	8	1	9	2		2	7	3	2	5			3			2				
Waterloo	102	10	4	14	4		4	10	4	4	4			3			1				
Ord	103	8	3	11	3		3	8	3	3	6			4	1		5				
Wymore	104	14	7	21	7		7	14	4	7	7			7			5				
Stella	105	4	3	7	3		3	4	3	3	6			5			1				
Porter	106	6	2	8	1		1	7	1	1	2			1			1				
Table Rock	108	3	5	8	5		5	3	2	5	7			2			2				
Pomegranate	110	6	5	11	5		5	6	3	5	8			5	1		5				
DeWitt	111	11	6	17	6		6	11	2	6	8			3			3				
Springfield	112	10	2	12	2		2	10	3	2	5			2			3				
Globe	113	10	4	14	3		3	11	4	3	7			3			4				
Wisner	114	5	2	7	1		1	6	2	1	3			2			2				
Harlan	116	6	1	7	1		1	6	2	1	3			2			2				
Hardy	117	3		3				3	1		1			1							
Doric	118	3		3				3	1		1						1				
North Bend	119	3	2	5	2		2	3	2	2	4			2			2				
Wayne	120	13	4	17	6		6	11	3	6	9			5			4				
Superior	121	4	4	8	3		3	5	3	3	3						3				
Auburn	124	4	4	8	3		3	5	1	3	4			3			1				
Mt. Nebo	125	9	3	12	4		4	8	6	4	10			3			7				
Stromsburg	126	1	1	3	3		3		3	3	6			3			3				
Minden	127	7	4	11	3		3	4	7	3	7			3			4				
Guide Rock	128	6	1	7	3		3	4	1	3	4			2			2				
Blue Hill	129	2	1	3	1		1	2	1	4	5			2			3				
Tuscan	130	2	4	6	5		5	1	2	5	7			5			2				
Scribner	132	1	2	3	2		2	1	4	2	6			4			2				
Elm Creek	133	7		7	1		1	6	2	1	3			1			2				
Solar	134	6	3	9	3		3	6	2	3	5			5			1				
McCook	135	13	9	22	10		10	12	6	10	16			13			3				
Long Pine	136	7	1	8	1		1	7	3	1	4			1			3				
Upright	137	7	4	11	5		5	6		5	5			3			2				
Rawl	138	3	1	4	1		1	3	1	1	2			1			1				
Clay Centre	139	2		2	2		2			2	2			1			1				
Western	140	1	1	2	1		1	1		1	1			1							

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		SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS																							
		GAIN		LOSS		GAIN				LOSS																			
		No. April 1, 5910		Total		No. April 1, 5910				Total						No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911													
		By Suspension		Other Causes		By Raising		By Admsion		Reinstatement		Other Causes		By Demission		By Death		By Suspension		By Expulsion		Other Causes		Total Loss		No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911		No. of Lodge	
30	4	1	30	5	40	2	1	1	1	41	1	1	1	1	2	2	39	95	2	2	2	2	2	2	57	136	2	2	
13	7	13	13	13	42	2	1	1	1	45	2	2	1	1	2	5	40	96	2	2	2	2	2	2	50	137	5	5	
12	7	12	12	11	35	4	1	1	1	42	2	2	1	1	2	4	40	97	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	138	3	3	
10	6	16	16	11	45	1	1	1	1	39	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	98	1	1	1	1	1	1	64	139	3	3	
17	1	17	17	1	11	4	4	1	1	47	1	1	6	6	6	6	39	99	12	12	12	12	12	12	80	100	5	5	
27	27	27	27	3	83	3	2	1	1	92	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	101	6	6	6	6	6	6	60	101	2	2	
38	38	38	38	2	56	3	3	3	3	62	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	102	1	1	1	1	1	1	60	102	1	1	
34	34	34	34	34	66	4	2	2	2	74	4	4	1	1	1	1	68	103	1	1	1	1	1	1	68	103	6	6	
11	11	11	11	1	102	7	7	1	1	109	4	4	1	1	1	1	104	104	5	5	5	5	5	5	104	104	5	5	
14	14	14	14	1	59	5	1	1	1	64	1	1	1	1	1	1	62	105	2	2	2	2	2	2	62	105	2	2	
8	8	8	8	1	55	2	1	1	1	58	2	1	1	1	1	1	55	106	3	3	3	3	3	3	55	106	3	3	
13	13	13	13	1	37	3	2	1	1	39	3	2	1	1	1	1	39	108	3	3	3	3	3	3	39	108	3	3	
25	25	25	25	1	90	6	3	1	1	96	2	2	2	2	2	2	92	110	4	4	4	4	4	4	92	110	4	4	
19	19	19	19	1	52	3	1	1	1	57	1	1	1	1	1	1	56	111	2	2	2	2	2	2	56	111	2	2	
10	10	10	10	1	68	2	2	2	2	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	112	3	3	3	3	3	3	67	112	3	3	
10	10	10	10	1	53	3	3	3	3	56	2	2	1	1	1	1	67	113	3	3	3	3	3	3	67	113	3	3	
15	15	15	15	1	69	2	2	1	1	72	5	5	3	3	3	3	71	114	5	5	5	5	5	5	71	114	5	5	
16	16	16	16	3	73	1	4	4	4	78	2	1	3	3	3	3	72	116	6	6	6	6	6	6	72	116	6	6	
6	6	6	6	6	46	1	1	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	117	2	2	2	2	2	2	46	117	2	2	
10	10	10	10	1	19	2	2	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	18	118	2	2	2	2	2	2	18	118	2	2	
5	5	5	5	5	80	1	1	1	1	83	3	3	1	1	1	1	79	119	3	3	3	3	3	3	79	119	3	3	
19	19	19	19	1	82	3	8	8	8	85	1	1	1	1	1	1	81	120	4	4	4	4	4	4	81	120	4	4	
14	14	14	14	1	98	2	2	1	1	101	2	1	1	1	1	1	98	121	3	3	3	3	3	3	98	121	3	3	
10	10	10	10	1	89	3	1	1	1	93	2	1	1	1	1	1	90	124	3	3	3	3	3	3	90	124	3	3	
15	15	15	15	2	80	3	1	1	1	86	7	1	2	2	2	2	75	125	10	10	10	10	10	10	75	125	10	10	
2	2	2	2	2	66	3	3	3	3	69	3	3	3	3	3	3	69	126	4	4	4	4	4	4	69	126	4	4	
16	16	16	16	1	53	3	3	3	3	56	4	3	3	3	3	3	52	127	4	4	4	4	4	4	52	127	4	4	
20	20	20	20	1	27	2	2	1	1	30	3	3	3	3	3	3	27	128	3	3	3	3	3	3	27	128	3	3	
9	9	9	9	1	52	2	1	1	1	56	3	3	19	19	19	19	34	129	22	22	22	22	22	22	34	129	22	22	
34	34	34	34	5	37	5	5	1	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	130	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	130	1	1	
8	8	8	8	6	41	4	4	4	4	45	2	1	1	1	1	1	42	132	1	1	1	1	1	1	42	132	1	1	
7	7	7	7	4	59	5	2	2	2	66	6	6	6	6	6	6	66	134	5	5	5	5	5	5	66	134	5	5	
20	20	20	20	4	150	13	1	1	1	155	5	5	5	5	5	5	160	135	5	5	5	5	5	5	160	135	5	5	
7	7	7	7	8	49	1	1	1	1	58	1	1	1	1	1	1	57	136	2	2	2	2	2	2	57	136	2	2	
10	10	10	10	8	64	1	1	1	1	67	3	3	2	2	2	2	64	139	7	7	7	7	7	7	64	139	7	7	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS											
		GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1911	GAIN			LOSS							
		No. April 1, 1910	By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss	No. April 1, 1910	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
Crescent	143	7	4	11	4	4	4	7	3	4	7	2	3	5						
Kenesaw	144	6	3	9	4	4	4	5	3	4	7	3	3	4						
Bancroft	145	14	10	24	7	7	7	17	2	7	9	7	7	2						
Jachin	146	12	3	15	4	4	4	11	5	4	9	4	4	5						
Siloam	147	7	1	8	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Emmet Crawford	148	9	9	18	8	8	8	10	2	8	10	6	6	4						
Jewel	149	1	5	6	6	6	6	1	6	6	7	6	6	1						
Cambridge	150	4	2	6	2	2	2	4	3	2	5	4	4	1						
Square	151	10	2	12	1	1	1	11	1	1	2	1	1	2						
Parallel	152	12	1	13	1	1	1	11	4	4	4	1	1	4						
Evergreen	153	1	10	11	9	9	1	10	4	9	13	10	1	2						
Lily	154	3	5	8	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	2	2	1						
Hartington	155	11	5	16	2	2	2	14	2	2	2	1	1	1						
Pythagoras	156	11	3	14	3	3	3	11	4	3	7	5	5	2						
Valley	157	7	2	9	1	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	2						
Samaritan	158	6	5	11	5	5	5	6	5	5	10	5	5	5						
Ogalalla	159	5	4	9	3	3	3	6	2	3	5	3	3	2						
Zeredatha	160	1	4	5	4	4	4	1	1	4	5	3	3	2						
Mt. Zion	161	5	3	8	1	1	1	7	1	1	2	1	1	1						
Trestle Board	162	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	2	3	5	4	4	1						
Unity	163	1	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Atkinson	164	4	4	8	3	3	3	5	1	3	4	2	2	2						
Barneston	165	9	1	10	4	4	4	6	4	4	4	2	2	2						
Mystic Tie	166	6	3	9	2	2	2	6	4	4	4	1	1	4						
Elwood	167	6	3	9	2	2	2	7	2	2	4	2	2	2						
Curtis	168	6	4	10	2	1	3	7	1	2	3	1	1	2						
Amity	169	8	1	9	3	3	3	6	2	3	5	3	3	2						
Mason City	170	3	1	4	1	1	1	3	5	1	6	1	1	5						
Merna	171	9	9	18	8	8	8	10	3	8	11	5	5	6						
Grafton	172	8	3	11	3	3	3	8	2	2	3	3	3	3						
Robert Burns	173	8	1	9	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	1	1						
Culbertson	174	3	1	4	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1						
Temple	175	5	3	8	1	1	1	7	3	1	4	1	1	4						
Gladstone	176	3	3	6	2	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2						
Hay Springs	177	2	2	4	1	1	1	4	2	2	2	1	1	1						
Prudence	179	5	3	8	3	3	3	5	3	3	3	2	2	1						
Justice	180	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	6	3	9	7	7	2						
Faith	181	11	7	18	7	7	7	11	1	7	8	7	7	1						
Incense	182	4	3	7	3	3	3	4	2	2	3	3	3	3						
Alliance	183	19	19	38	10	2	12	26	10	12	22	10	1	11						

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS			MASTER MASONS														
No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	No. April 1, 5910	GAIN				Total	LOSS					No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	No. of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes				By Raising	By Admislon	Reinstatement	Other Causes		By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes		
7			7	7	48	2	1	1	51	2					2	49	148
13			13	13	39	3	2	2	44	3					3	41	144
16	2		18	17	36	7	1	1	65	3			2		5	60	145
25			25	25	114	4	4	3	121	3	2				5	116	146
8			8	8	29	1	1	1	31	3					3	28	147
13			13	13	106	6	6	2	114	4	2			1	7	107	148
12	1		13	12	25	2	1	1	33	5		1		6	27	149	
10			8	8	45	4	4	2	51	1				1	50	150	
13	2		15	15	47				50	1			2	1	46	151	
					50				50	1				1	47	152	
13			13	11	42	10	3	3	57	1	1			2	55	158	
4			4	4	24	2	2	2	28		1			1	27	154	
16			16	14	62	1	3	2	68	3				3	65	155	
15			15	15	43	5			48	1	1			2	46	156	
12			12	12	52				52	1				1	51	157	
17			17	17	88	5	1	1	94	2	1			3	91	158	
10			10	10	63	3	3	1	56	1	1			1	55	159	
12	4		16	16	28	3	1		32	1		4		5	27	160	
7			6	6	37	1			38					1	38	161	
7			7	7	62	4	4		66		1			1	65	162	
14			14	14	42	2	2	1	45					2	45	163	
10	1		11	10	35	2	2	1	40		1	1		2	38	164	
18	1		19	18	34	2	2	1	37	3			1	4	33	165	
8			8	8	26		1		27					1	27	166	
11	1		12	12	53	2			55	6	1	1		8	47	167	
15	2		17	16	41	1	1	1	43	3	1	2		6	37	168	
11			11	11	46	3	2		51	2				4	49	169	
9	2		11	11	48	1			49			2		2	47	170	
16			16	16	53	5			58	1				1	57	171	
4			4	3	43	3			46					4	46	172	
13			13	13	22				22						22	173	
11			11	11	30	1			31						31	174	
13			13	13	56				56	6				6	50	175	
7			7	7	69	2	1		72	1	1			4	70	176	
7			7	6	36	1	1	1	38	3				4	34	177	
12			12	12	47	2	3	3	52		1			1	51	179	
7			7	7	43	7	7	1	53		2			2	51	180	
28	4		27	27	94	1	1	1	103	14	2	4		20	83	181	
12			12	12	34	3	3	3	40	1	1			2	38	182	
15	1		16	15	140	11	2	1	154	6	1	1		8	146	183	

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS								
		GAIN				LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1911	GAIN				LOSS			
		No. April 1, 1910		Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss		No. April 1, 1910		Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss
		By Initiation	Other Causes								By Passing	Other Causes						
Bee Hive.....	184	11	14	25	12	12	5	13	13	1	12	13	10	10	3	3		
Boaz.....	185	7	5	12	5	5	5	7	7	5	5	5	3	3	2	2		
Israel.....	187	4	4	8	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	3	3		
Meridian.....	188	4	2	6	6	6	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Granite.....	189	3	3	6	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	1	1	3	3		
Amethyst.....	190	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	1	1	2	2		
Crystal.....	191	7	3	10	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	4	3	3	1	1		
Minnekadusa.....	192	19	10	29	14	14	14	15	15	4	14	18	14	14	4	4		
Signet.....	193	11	3	14	6	6	6	8	8	1	6	7	2	2	5	5		
Highland.....	194	4	1	5	2	2	2	3	3	2	2	4	1	1	3	3		
Arcana.....	195	6	8	14	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	6	6	1	1		
Level.....	196	1	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	1		
Morning Star.....	197	4	1	5	1	1	1	4	4	2	1	3	1	1	2	2		
Purity.....	198	10	2	12	1	1	1	11	11	3	1	4	1	1	3	3		
Gavel.....	199	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Blazing Star.....	200	3	6	9	4	4	4	5	5	2	4	6	1	1	5	5		
Scotts Bluff.....	201	8	2	10	2	2	2	8	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Golden Sheaf.....	202	5	5	10	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	8	5	5	3	3		
Roman Eagle.....	203	15	7	22	10	10	10	12	12	3	10	13	11	11	2	2		
Plainview.....	204	5	8	13	9	9	9	4	4	3	9	12	9	9	3	3		
Golden Fleece.....	205	4	3	7	3	3	3	4	4	4	3	7	4	4	3	3		
Naphthali.....	206	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Parian.....	207	7	6	13	6	6	6	7	7	1	6	7	7	7	7	7		
Gauge.....	208	9	4	13	2	2	2	11	11	2	2	4	2	2	2	2		
Canopy.....	209	8	2	10	1	1	1	9	9	3	1	4	1	1	4	4		
East Lincoln.....	210	12	25	37	15	15	15	22	22	9	15	24	20	20	4	4		
Cement.....	211	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	4	3	3	1	1		
Compass & Square.....	212	5	2	7	2	2	2	5	5	3	2	5	3	3	2	2		
Square & Compass.....	213	5	5	10	7	7	7	3	3	1	7	8	6	6	2	2		
Plumblin.....	214	2	3	5	3	3	3	2	2	1	3	4	1	1	3	3		
Occidental.....	215	3	3	6	2	2	2	4	4	1	2	3	2	2	1	1		
Palisade.....	216	8	2	10	3	3	3	4	4	1	3	4	2	2	2	2		
Wauneta.....	217	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Bloomfield.....	218	10	5	15	4	4	4	11	11	4	4	4	3	3	1	1		
Relief.....	219	4	4	8	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Magnolia.....	220	5	3	8	2	2	2	6	6	1	2	3	2	2	1	1		
Wood Lake.....	221	3	4	7	6	6	6	6	6	2	6	8	6	6	2	2		
Landmark.....	222	4	4	8	7	7	7	1	1	1	7	8	8	8	8	8		
Eminence.....	223	4	5	9	2	2	2	7	7	2	2	4	1	1	3	3		
Silver Cord.....	224	4	2	6	1	1	1	5	5	2	1	3	1	1	2	2		

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No. of Lodge	SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS				MASTER MASONS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911							
	By Suspension	Other Causes	Total	No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	By Raising	By Admsion	Reinstatement	Other Causes		Total	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension	By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
18	2		20	18	130	10	2	2	204	2	2	2	1		7	197
7		7	7	6	52	3	3	1	58						5	59
13		13	13	13	74	1			75	4	1				5	70
12		12	12	11	78		2	1	82	2	2				4	78
19		19	19	17	53	1	1	1	56	1	3				4	52
4		4	4	4	35	1			36							36
6		6	6	6	52	8			55							55
17		17	17	16	81	14	1	1	97	2	2				4	93
5	2		7	7	38	2	1		41						2	39
16		16	16	14	26	1	2	2	31	1					1	30
8	1		9	9	55	6	2	2	63	2					4	59
4		4	4	3	44	2		1	47	1					1	46
6		6	6	6	44	1			45						1	46
5	7		12	12	43	1			44	1					10	45
10		10	10	10	18		2		20							20
5	1		6	6	74	1		1	76	3					4	72
8		8	8	8	52	2			54	1					1	53
15		15	15	15	78	5	1	2	84	4					4	80
17	7		24	22	51	11			64	1					8	56
4		4	4	4	45	9	1		56	1					2	53
3		3	3	3	57	4			61							61
9		9	9	8	41	1	1	1	48	1					1	42
4	2		6	6	57	7	1		65	1					3	62
17		17	17	16	40	2	3	3	46	2					2	44
4		4	4	3	78		1	1	79	2					2	77
13	2		15	15	187	20	6		213	4	2	2			8	205
7		7	7	6	67	3		1	71	1					1	70
13	1		13	13	24	3	4		31						1	31
10		10	10	11	40	6	1	1	43	1					2	44
6		6	6	4	40	1	1	1	43							43
14	2		16	15	57	2			58	1					1	58
16	4		20	20	40	2			42	2					2	40
5	4		9	9	32	3	1		32	2					6	26
6		6	6	6	90				94	1					17	77
3		3	3	3	40				40	1					1	39
7		7	7	7	59	2	1		62	2					2	60
2		2	2	2	29	6			35	1					1	34
3	2		5	5	62	8			70	1					3	67
2		2	2	2	50				51							51
4		4	4	4	49	1			50							50

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES							FELLOW CRAFTS												
		No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911		
			By Initiation	Other Causes		By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing		Other Causes	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
Cable	225	2	2	4	2			2	2	1	2	3	3	3	3	1	3				
Grace	226	4	2	6	3			3	3	1	3	4	1				3				
North Star	227	10	7	17	3			3	14	5	3	8	4				4				
Bartley	228	2	1	3	1			1	2		1	1	1				1				
Comet	229	3		3	1			1	2	3	1	4	2				2				
Delta	230	4	6	10	6			6	4	1	6	7	3				3				
Mt Hermon	231	2	1	3	1	1		2	1	2	1	3	2				2				
John S. Bowen	232	2	1	3					3												
Gilead	233	14	4	18	2			2	16	5	2	7	3	1			4				
Zion	234	7	7	14	9			9	5	3	9	12	11				11				
Fraternity	235	1	1	2	1			1	1	1	1	2	1				1				
Golden Rule	236	9	1	10	1			1	9	4	1	5	3				3				
Cubit	237	3	4	7	4			4	3	4	4	8	3				3				
Friendship	239	2	1	3	1			1	2	1	1	2	2				2				
Pilot	240	6	2	8	2			2	6	3	2	5	1				1				
George Armstrong	241	1	2	3	2			2	1	1	2	3	2				2				
Tyrian	243	6	2	8	1			1	7	1	1	2	1				2				
Sincerity	244	3	3	6	3			3	3	1	3	4	3				3				
Hampton	245	7	6	13	5	1		6	7	1	5	7	6				6				
Nehawka	246	3	2	5	2			2	3		2	2	1				1				
Corner-stone	247	10	10	20	7			7	13	1	7	8	5				5				
Laurel	248	8	9	17	8			8	9	3	8	11	7				7				
Gothenburg	249	2	2	4	1			1	3		1	1	1				1				
George Washington	250	3	4	7	4			4	3	1	4	5	5				5				
Wausa	251	6	1	7	2			2	5	1	2	3	2				2				
Hildreth	252	3		3					3												
Beemer	253	4	5	9	4			4	5	2	4	6	3				3				
Bassett	254	2	3	5	1			1	4		1	1					1				
Bradshaw	255	3	4	7	5			5	2	1	5	6	4	1			5				
Hickman	256	1		1					1	1		1	1				1				
Holbrook	257	6	3	9	1			1	8		1	1	1				1				
Anselmo	258	11	4	15	5			5	10	4	5	9	5				5				
Bee	259		3	3	2			2	1		2	2	2				2				
Springview	260	4	3	7	1			1	6	1	1	2					2				
Ornan	261	4	6	10	3	1		4	6	2	3	6	4				4				
Endeavor	262	3		3	2			2	1		2	2	2				2				
Mitchell	263	2	3	5	3			3	2		3	3	1	1			2				
Franklin	264	3	4	7	1			1	6		1	1	1				1				
Robert W. Furnas	265	2	6	8	1			1	7		1	1	1				1				
Silver	266	2	2	4	1			1	3		1	1	1				1				

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SUSPENDED MASTER MASONS						MASTER MASONS												
No. April 1, 5910	GAIN		Total	LOSS			No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	No. April 1, 5910	GAIN			Total	LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 5911	No. of Lodge
	By Suspension	Other Causes		By Death	Other Causes	Total Loss			By Raising	By Admission	Reinstatement		Other Causes	By Demission	By Death	By Suspension			By Expulsion	Other Causes	Total Loss
2			2			2	41	3			44						44	225
5			5			5	41	1			42						41	226
13			13			10	64	4	3		75						72	227
1			1			1	35	1	1		37						34	228
5			5			5	48	2			50						48	229
2			2			2	47	3			50						47	230
2			2			2	58	2			61						58	231
2			2			2	44		1		42						42	232
2			2			2	36	4			42						38	233
5			5			4	53	1	1		65						61	234
3			3			4	42	11			44						44	235
4			4			4	25	1	1		29						26	236
2			2			2	38	3			41						39	237
1			1			1	31	2			38						31	239
3			3			4	51	1			52						51	240
1			1			2	74	1			76						73	241
1			1			1	40	2			40						35	243
2			2			2	26	3			29						29	244
1			1			1	37	6			44						41	245
1			1			3	37	1			38						37	246
11			11			11	46	5			51						50	247
5			5			6	40	7			48						45	248
1			1			1	25	1	1		27						27	249
11			11			10	77	5			83						82	250
3			3			3	32	2			34						33	251
2			2			5	41	3			41						37	252
4			4			5	41	1			45						43	253
3			3			3	48	4			48						46	254
1			1			1	34	1			35						34	255
1			1			1	56	1	1		58						57	257
1			1			1	47	5			52						51	258
1			1			1	30	2			32						31	259
1			1			1	24	4			24						23	260
1			1			1	27	2			28						30	261
1			1			1	35	2			37						36	262
1			1			1	46	1	2		50						49	263
1			1			1	33	1	2		34						33	264
1			1			1	41	1			44						44	265
1			1			1	20	1	1		22						22	266

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NAME OF LODGE	No. of Lodge	ENTERED APPRENTICES								FELLOW CRAFTS											
		No. April 1, 1910	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1911	No. April 1, 1910	GAIN			LOSS				No. on Rolls, March 31, 1911		
			By Initiation	Other Causes	Total	By Passing	Adv. elsewhere	By Death	Other Causes			Total Loss	By Passing	Other Causes	Total	By Raising	Adv. elsewhere	By Death		Other Causes	Total Loss
James A. Tulleys...	267	1	6	7	2				2	5	1	2	3	2				2	1		
George W. Lininger	268	1	4	5	4				4	1	2	4	6	2				2	4		
Riverside	269		4	4	1				1	3	2	1	3	2				2	1		
Huntley	270	2	3	5	4				4	1		4	4	4				4			
Oasis	271	5	2	7	4	1			5	2	2	4	1	7	3			3	4		
Lee P. Gillette	272	2	5	7	6				6	1		6	6	5				5	1		
Crofton	273		8	8	5				5	3		5	5	4				4	1		
Olive Branch	274	4	2	7	6				6	1	3	6	9	4				4	5		
Ramah	275																				
Antelope	276	2	2	4	3				3	1		3	3	3				3			
Sioux, U.:D.			7	7	7				7			7	7	7				7			
Litchfield, U.:D.			11	11	9				9	2		9	9	7				7	2		
Wallace, U.:D.			7	7					7												
Extinct Lodges		67		67					67	15			15						15		
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The roll of committees appointed by the Grand Master was called, and Brother Ensign J. Rix, 55, was placed on the Committee on Unfinished Business, in place of Brother Adelbert W. Knight, 269, and Brother Walter W. Wells, 192, was placed on the Committee on Returns, in place of Brother William R. Alexander, 50, Brothers Knight and Alexander being absent. Past Grand Master Ehrhardt and Grand Orator Brown were appointed the Committee on Codification of the Law, and Brothers Fred A. Howe, 119, and Charles A. Dunham, 3, were appointed on the Committee on Pay-roll, to fill vacancies. The members of committees were as follows:

Jurisprudence.—All Past Grand Masters present, with the junior as chairman.

Codification of the Law.—Bros. William A. DeBord, 3; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Elmer W. Brown, 19.

Foreign Correspondence.—Bros. Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; Edgar D. Brown, 77.

Fraternal Dead.—Bros. Frank E. Bullard, 32; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; George A. Beecher, 268.

Relief.—Bros. Frank H. Young, 207; Alpha Morgan, 148; Ornan J. King, 54; Robert E. Evans, 5; Albert W. Crites, 158.

Promulgation of the Work.—Bros. Robert E. French, 46; John J. Mercer, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Zuingle M. Baird, 155; Ornan J. King, 54; Albert W. Crites, 158.

Memorial to "Washington, the Mason."—Bros. John A. Ehrhardt, 41; Charles E. Burnham, 166.

Grievances.—Bros. Clark O'Hanlon, 21; Lewis M. Troup, 54; Wendell P. Pierce, 60; Frank A. Doten, 78; Ambrose C. Epperson, 139; Zacariah P. Hedges, 184.

Doings of Grand Officers.—Bros. Daniel H. Wheeler, 1; George H. Thummel, 33; William W. Wright, 26; Charles Youngblut, 19; Oliver C. Dovey, 6.

Accounts.—Bros. Frederic L. Temple, 61; James H. H. Hewett, 183; Robert V. Wilson, 233; John R. Tapster, 119; Charles E. Alter, 116.

Charters and Dispensations.—Bros. James D. Phillips, 93; William Whalen, 231; Charles E. Allen, 188; Neal A. Pettygrove, 138; Henry A. Hall, 136.

Credentials.—Bros. Charles Callahan, 75; Edgar H. Grist, 17; John Finch, 225; Sidney O. Reese, 202; Oliver E. Mickey, 65.

Ways and Means.—Bros. John J. Tooley, 258; Jacob D. Counts, 89; Edward Fricke, 113; John H. Kelly, 249; Harry A. Crosby, 253.

Grand Lodge Office.—Bros. John J. Mercer, 3; James W. McKibben, 214; J. Harvey Mettlen, 218; Morris H. Evans, 220; John Harper, 51.

Returns.—Bros. Michael Dowling, 119; John B. Lichtenwallner,

272; Walter L. Tilden, 167; Walter W. Wells, 192; John W. Broadwell, 56.

Pay-Roll.—Bros. Chancy B. Palmer, Jr., 255; William E. Minier, 91; Clifford R. Woods, 217; Fred A. Howe, 119; Charles A. Dunham, 3.

Visiting Brethren.—Bros. Dean T. Gregg, 1; A. Sherman Pinto, 3; Edgar N. Bowles, 11; Arthur J. Jackson, 25; Walter J. Clarkson, 268.

Unfinished Business.—Bros. Charles E. Burnham, 166; William D. Spicknall, 261; Ensign J. Rix, 55; Marcus E. Bush, 212; Benjamin Wood, 210.

A claim of Siloam Lodge No. 147 for the refund of a fee for a dispensation to elect and install officers, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Past Grand Master Thummel, for Past Grand Master Wheeler, offered the following report, which on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers makes the following report, and recommends:

That the following be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence: So much of the Grand Master's address as refers to the M. W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico, F. & A. M., the issuing of special dispensations, the approval of by-laws and amendments for lodges, irregular work and healing, the decision made, and the recommendations in regard to changes in our law.

To the Committee on the Nebraska Masonic Home: all matters in the address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Secretary relating to the Home.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations: all dispensations to form new lodges, the petitions for charters for Sioux and Litchfield Lodges U. D., the petition for the continuance of the dispensation to Wallace Lodge U. D., and the refusal to issue a dispensation for a lodge at Union.

To the Committee on Grievances: all matters in the address of the Grand Master relating to grievances and trespass of jurisdiction, the appeal from the action of Nebraska Lodge No. 1 in expelling a member, the petition for reinstatement from an expelled member of Hiram Lodge No. 52, and the papers relating to a question of jurisdiction between Hiram Lodge No. 52 and Auburn Lodge No. 124 over a suspended member of the former lodge.

To the Committee on Accounts: the Grand Treasurer's report, the report of the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund, the report of the Committee on Relief, and the financial portion of the report of the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Ways and Means: the recommendation of the Deputy Grand Master in regard to increasing the appropriation for clerk hire for the Grand Secretary.

To the Committee on Relief: the subject of relief granted by Wayne Lodge No. 120, to a member of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England.

To the Grand Lodge we recommend that the following be referred: the votes on the amendment to the constitution, the matter of delinquent dues from members to lodges, lodges not represented in Grand Lodge, those not working, and those disregarding the law, the question of subscribing for the circulars of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, the indebtedness of Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, the presentation of gavels by Brother Henry T. Clarke, the question of the time of expiration of commissions for representatives, and the printing of new commissions, and the matter of the laying of corner-stones when lodges build in connection with other parties; also the refusal of the Grand Master to approve provisions in by-laws of lodges, exempting members after a certain number of years, from the payment of lodge dues.

We recommend that the report of the Committee on Returns be approved, unless objections are made during the session to errors shown therein. That the report of the Grand Custodian be approved, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge be extended to him for faithful and efficient service rendered during the year.

We express our commendation to Grand Master Cheney for his zealous labors on behalf of the Craft, and for duty well and faithfully performed. To the Fraternity of the Grand Jurisdiction we extend congratulations for the happy and prosperous conditions existing. We recommend that all the official acts of the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, not specifically referred to in this report, be approved.

The following report was presented by Past Grand Master Burnham, and on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business fraternally reports that we have carefully examined the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1910, and find the following business undisposed of, and requiring action on the part of this Grand Lodge.

At the last communication the Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that a committee of three be appointed (see page 310 of the proceedings) to investigate the matter of a memorial to Washington, the Mason; a committee was appointed and should make a report thereon at this session.

The Committee on Jurisprudence requested further time to consider the subject of demits, as recommended by Grand Master Dowling (see

pages 259 and 311 of the proceedings), asking leave to report thereon at this communication.

An amendment to the constitution (see page 325 of the proceedings) is now pending, the lodges being required to report their action to the Grand Secretary.

An amendment to the law relating to objections, as found on page 326 of the proceedings, is also pending.

Brother Callahan, 75, for the committee, presented the report on credentials, which was adopted, subject to corrections during the session; as finally adopted the report was as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your Committee on Credentials reports that all the lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction were represented except the following: Numbers 2, 5, 10, 13, 29, 56, 58, 79, 81, 83, 97, 106, 174, 187, 201, 219, 229, 239, 259, 269 and 273; and of these numbers 29, 106, 174 and 229 were reported as not being represented at the 53d annual communication.

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. HARRY A. CHENEY	Grand Master,
R. W. HENRY GIBBONS	Deputy Grand Master,
R. W. JAMES R. CAIN, JR.	Grand Senior Warden,
R. W. ALPHA MORGAN	Grand Junior Warden,
.....	Grand Treasurer,
R. W. FRANCIS E. WHITE	Grand Secretary,
V. W. GEORGE A. BEECHER	Grand Chaplain,
W. ELMER W. BROWN	Grand Orator,
M. W. ROBERT E. FRENCH	Grand Custodian,
W. THOMAS M. DAVIS	Grand Marshal,
W. SAMUEL S. WHITING	Grand Senior Deacon,
W. ANDREW H. VIELE	Grand Junior Deacon,
BRO . REUBEN FORBES	Grand Tyler.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

M. W. Daniel H. Wheeler, Harry P. Deuel, Martin Dunham, George H. Thummel, John J. Mercer, Robert E. French, John A. Ehrhardt, Charles J. Phelps, Frank H. Young, Albert W. Crites, Robert E. Evans, Frank E. Bullard, Charles E. Burnham, Ornan J. King, William A. DeBord, Michael Dowling.

REPRESENTATIVES.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Nebraska	No. 1	Dean T. Gregg	John F. Wilcox	William S. Rowe
Western Star	2	.....	.....	.....
Capitol	3	.....	Herbert G. Hoerner . . . . .	.....
Nemaha Valley	4	Louis E. Chamberlain	*Abraham L. Lawrence	*Wm. M. Kauffman, S
Omadi	5	.....	.....	.....
Plattsmouth	6	Oliver C. Dovey . . . . .	.....	.....
Falls City	9	Edwin G. Whitford . . . . .	.....	.....
Solomon	10	.....	.....	.....
Covert	11	Edgar N. Bowles	David O. Barnell	William Cosh
Orient	13	.....	.....	.....
Peru	14	*James A. Vance . . . . .	.....	.....
Fremont	15	Charles H. Green	Alba H. Briggs . . . . .	.....
Tecumseh	17	Edgar H. Grist	Frank L. Brundage	*Arthur C. Sullivan
Lincoln	19	Charles Youngblut	George R. Chatburn	*James Tyler
Washington	21	Clark O'Hanlon . . . . .	.....	.....
Pawnee	23	Oscar E. Hall	Joseph H. Shepherd . . . . .	.....
Saint Johns	25	Arthur J. Jackson . . . . .	.....	.....
Beatrice	26	William W. Wright . . . . .	.....	.....
Jordan	27	.....	Edward W. Sass . . . . .	.....
Hope	29	.....	.....	.....
Blue River	30	*Arthur H. Schultz . . . . .	.....	.....
Tekamah	31	Fred Wixer . . . . .	.....	.....
Platte Valley	32	Robert A. Armstrong	Olin H. Cressler . . . . .	.....
Ashlar	33	Henry Allen	James H. Miller	Claude A. Huss
Acacia	34	Chester B. Sumner	John T. Sumner . . . . .	.....
Fairbury	35	*James L. Hutchison . . . . .	.....	.....
Lone Tree	36	David E. Crites . . . . .	.....	.....
Crete	37	*Jared J. Atwater . . . . .	.....	.....
Oliver	38	.....	Charles K. Porter . . . . .	.....
Papillion	39	.....	William E. Patterson . . . . .	.....
Humboldt	40	John W. Youngman . . . . .	.....	.....
Northern Light	41	John A. Ehrhardt . . . . .	.....	Theodore H. Namur
Juniata	42	*William G. Sadler . . . . .	.....	.....
Hebron	43	*Liny S. Grisell . . . . .	.....	Walter H. Rhodes
Harvard	44	*Ezra Brown . . . . .	.....	.....
Rob Morris	46	Charles K. Gibbons . . . . .	.....	*Phillip G. Snow
Fairmont	48	Bryant D. Loomis . . . . .	.....	.....
Evening Star	49	William D. Pickard . . . . .	.....	.....
Hastings	50	*Curtis L. Walters	Curtis L. Walters	*Enos J. Hanchett
Fidelity	51	John Harper . . . . .	.....	.....
Hiram	52	Joseph C. Chapman . . . . .	.....	.....
Charity	53	*George W. Hutchison . . . . .	.....	.....
Lancaster	54	Lewis M. Troup . . . . .	.....	.....
Mosaic	55	Miner C. Hazen	J. Warren McClary	*Ensign J. Riv
York	56	.....	.....	.....
Mount Moriah	57	Doughty C. Beyette	Baalis S. Littlefield . . . . .	.....
Lebanon	58	.....	.....	.....
Wahoo	59	Frank C. Baldwin	Nelson J. Ludi	Lawrence E. Blixt
Melrose	60	Wendell P. Pierce . . . . .	.....	.....
Thistle	61	Frederic L. Temple . . . . .	.....	.....
Keystone	62	Dedrick Sorenson . . . . .	.....	.....
Riverton	63	Walter M. Moore	Rolland C. Shuttler . . . . .	.....

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Blue Valley	No. 64	Porter F. Dodson		
Osceola	" 65	Oliver E. Mickey		
Edgar	" 67	George R. Woods		
Aurora	" 68	Richard L. Ahara		
Sterling	" 70	*William F. Hitchcock	William F. Hitchcock	
Trowel	" 71	*Horace B. Hansen		
Hooper	" 72	Martin A. Uehling		
Friend	" 73	*Andros W. Hoyt		
Alexandria	" 74	William C. Beer		*Benjamin L. Terry
Frank Welch	" 75	Charles Callahan		
Joppa	" 76		Charles E. Moffett	
Nelson	" 77	*James C. Lanham, Sr.	James C. Lanham, Sr.	
Albion	" 78	*James E. De Lancy	James E. De Lancy	
Geneva	" 79			
Composite	" 81			
Saint Paul	" 82	Fred R. Haggart	*Clarence E. Kullhorn	
Corinthian	" 83			
Fairfield	" 84	Arthur D. Baum		
Tyre	" 85		Gilbert F. Sandritter	
Doniphan	" 86			Isaac T. Ward
Ionic	" 87	Frank Nelson		
Star	" 88		Frank Coddington	
Cedar River	" 89	Jacob D. Counts		
Elk Creek	" 90	*Henry N. Libby	*Edwin R. Merwin	
Oakland	" 91	William E. Minier	Andrew R. Holt	*Arthur B. Pedcn
Hubbell	" 92		Fred Wilcox	
Beaver City	" 93	James D. Phillips	Cecil C. Copeland	
Bennet	" 94	Henry C. McKee		
Garfield	" 95	*Lloyd G. Gillespie		
Utica	" 96	Elmer Nelson		
Euclid	" 97			
Republican	" 98	Wallace L. Washburn		
Shelton	" 99	*James B. Hodge		
Creighton	" 100		Leroy L. Seeley	
Ponca	" 101		John E. Marsh	
Waterloo	" 102	Albert C. Hedberg		
Ord	" 103	Ernest J. Williams	*William James Milford	
Wymore	" 104	*George T. Stephenson		
Stella	" 105	Isaac L. Callison		
Porter	" 106			
Table Rock	" 108		Jay I. Barnard	
Pomegranate	" 110	John C. Railsback	*Omer D. Harford	
DeWitt	" 111	*Jacob E. Carey		
Springfield	" 112	*Thomas Nelson		
Globe	" 113	Edward Fricke		
Wisner	" 114	Lincoln Riley		
Harlan	" 116	Charles E. Alter	Daniel Jandebner	
Hardy	" 117	*William E. Gillilan	William E. Gillilan	
Doric	" 118	*Jerry Wilhelm		
North Bend	" 119	John R. Tapster	Charles A. Millar	Charles K. Watson
Wayne	" 120	Lambert W. Roe	*J. Murray Cherry	*James G. Mines
Superior	" 121	*John W. Mitchell		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Continued.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Auburn No. 124	*Charles E. Eustice	Frederick Markland . .	Thomas F. Horn
Mount Nebo " 125	*Benjamin Person		
Stromsburg " 126	Edward P. Pike	*John P. Carlson	*John C. Malster
Minden " 127		Henry Peterson	
Guide Rock " 128	John H. Crary		
Blue Hill " 129			Andrew D. McNeer
Tuscan " 130	William Kunzman		
Scribner " 132	John F. Drenguis		
Elm Creek " 133	*George Witmer		
Solar " 134	Charles H. Fox	Robert J. Gunn	
McCook " 135	Burris H. Stewart	Arthur G. DeLong	Frederick L. Wolff
Long Pine " 136	Henry A. Hall	John F. Cox	
Upright " 137			
Rawl " 138	Neal A. Pettygrove		
Clay Centre " 139	Ambrose C. Epperson	Earl Fryar	
Western " 140	*Thomas J. Chidester		
Crescent " 143	Daniel H. Tate		
Kenesaw " 144	Elbert J. Latta		
Bancroft " 145	Edward H. Mack		
Jachin " 146	James R. Cooper		
Siloam " 147	*Levi C. Reichard		
Emmet Crawford " 148	George Willing	Horace F. Kennedy	
Jewel " 149	*Sidney L. Mumau	Sidney L. Mumau	
Cambridge " 150	Benjamin F. Butler	Frederick T. Daly	
Square " 151	George W. Grever		
Parallel " 152	John Geer	William L. Dewey	
Evergreen " 153	Schuyler M. Durfee	Rees L. Thomas	*Frank E. Drebert
Idly " 154		C. Hugo Seidel	
Hartington " 155		David E. Ewing	
Pythagoras " 156	Andrew J. Davis		
Valley " 157	*Claude L. Stratton		
Samaritan " 158	Robinson B. McFadon		
Ogalalla " 159	Axel Nelson		
Zeredatha " 160	Alonzo H. Bothwell		
Mount Zion " 161	John Lees	John Raitt	
Brestle Board " 162	Sidney W. Maynard	Charles E. Huston	Edward B. Souders
Unity " 163	John E. Wiedeman		
Atkinson " 164	*Alexander Searl		
Barneston " 165	Elam H. Eckert	*Seth S. Ratliff	
Mystic Tie " 166		Adolph N. Snider	
Hilwood " 167	Walter L. Tilden		
Murtis " 168	Jacob Scherer		
Amity " 169		Alden C. Plantz	
Mason City " 170	James H. McAllister		
Merna " 171	Robert R. Duncan		
Brafton " 172	Albert Holmes		
Robert Burns " 173	Francis M. Pfrimmer		
Gulbertson " 174			
Temple " 175		Lewis C. Caley	
Gladstone " 176		James H. Kerr	
Hay Springs " 177	William Waterman		

*Proxy.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
Prudence No. 179	Charles P. Simonton.		
Justice " 180		George W. Druliner.	
Faith " 181			Benjamin Itzkovetch.
Incense " 182	Frank J. Sieber.		
Alliance " 183	James H. H. Hewett.		
Bee Hive " 184	Zecariah P. Hedges.		Hal H. Roberts.
Boaz " 185		Loyal T. Parker.	
Israel " 187			
Meridian " 188	Charles E. Allen.	Charles H. Sandquest.	
Granite " 189	*James G. Walker.		
Amethyst " 190	Jesiah Smees.		
Crystal " 191	Obadiah B. Bundy.		
Minnekadusa " 192	*Thomas C. Hornby.	*Charles H. Cornell.	
Signet " 193	Joseph F. McKinley.	Jacob A. Kibler.	
Highland " 194	*Melvin E. Darnell.	Melvin E. Darnell.	
Arcana " 195	Dwight H. Griswold.		
Level " 196	*Luke H. Cheney.		
Morning Star " 197		James E. Hart.	
Purity " 198	*Alonzo Cunningham.		
Gavel " 199	J. G. Wm. Westerhoff.		
Blazing Star " 200	*William C. Johns.	William C. Johns.	
Scotts Bluff " 201			
Golden Sheaf " 202	Sidney O. Reese.	R. Irving Oliver.	
Roman Eagle " 203	*Charles S. Hughes.		Harry E. Custer.
Plainview " 204		Martin Sorenson.	Fred W. Ebinger.
Golden Fleece " 205	Harvey I. Babcock.	*John O'Neil.	
Napthali " 206		William A. Snyder.	
Parian " 207	Jacob D. Troyer.		*Jacob D. Troyer.
Gauge " 208	*Jan M. Herbert.		
Canopy " 209	John Gonzales.	William L. Atchison.	
East Lincoln " 210	Benjamin Wood.		
Cement " 211		Afton S. Wiseman.	
Compass & Square " 212	Marcus E. Bush.	James H. Bliss.	
Square & Compass " 213	Elmer F. Wagner.		
Plumbline " 214	James W. McKibbin.		
Occidental " 215	*Jesse Gidley.		
Palisade " 216		Hugh B. Ashmore.	
Wauneta " 217	Clifford R. Woods.		
Bloomfield " 218	J. Harvey Mettlen.		
Relief " 219			
Magnolia " 220	Morris H. Evans.		
Wood Lake " 221	William F. Parker.		
Landmark " 222	Rasmus H. Rasmussen.		
Eminence " 223	*Charles S. Fry.		
Silver Cord " 224		Hugh C. Van Valken-	
able " 225	John Finch.	burgh	
Grace " 226		Arthur E. Newton.	
North Star " 227	Hugh B. Smith.	Charles H. Roper.	
Bartley " 228		Francis M. Jennings.	
Comet " 229			
Delta " 230	Henry C. Kiester.		
Mount Hermon " 231	William M. Whalen.		

*Proxy.

REPRESENTATIVES—Concluded.

LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN
John S. Bowen..No. 232	Claude C. Van Deusen.	Merton C. Grover....	.....
Gilead " 233	Robert V. Wilson.....	.....	.....
Zion " 234	Elmer E. Barr.....	.....	.....
Fraternity " 235	.....	Gilbert E. French.....	.....
Golden Rule " 236	Walter S. Hart.....	John F. Pomeroy.....	.....
Jubit " 237	Allen H. Hostetter.....	.....	.....
Friendship " 239	.....	.....	.....
Pilot " 240	*Andrew R. Hansen.....	.....	Andrew R. Hansen.....
Geo. Armstrong. " 241	Walter D. Romans.....	.....	.....
Tyrian " 243	Ernst Meyer.....	.....	.....
Sincerity " 244	Frank E. Martin.....	.....	.....
Hampton " 245	*James M. Cox.....	.....	.....
Nehawka " 246	Raymond C. Pollard....	.....	John G. Wonderlich..
Corner-stone .. " 247	Ruel L. Senift.....	Henry E. Dally.....	.....
Laurel " 248	Nelson Utter.....	.....	.....
Gothenburg " 249	John H. Kelly.....	.....	.....
Geo. Washington " 250	Harry A. Bell.....	Larsh S. Gillman.....	.....
Wausa " 251	.....	Peter H. Peterson.....	.....
Hildreth " 252	George M. Myers.....	.....	.....
Beemer " 253	Harry A. Crosby.....	.....	.....
Bassett " 254	.....	Harry E. Artus.....	.....
Bradshaw " 255	Chancy B. Palmer, Jr.	.....	.....
Hickman " 256	.....	Cyrus Black.....	.....
Holbrook " 257	John R. Cooper.....	.....	.....
Anselmo " 258	John J. Tooley.....	*Charles E. Bass.....	.....
Bee " 259	.....	.....	.....
Springview " 260	*Lewis E. Smith.....	.....	.....
Ornan " 261	William D. Spicknall..	.....	.....
Endeavor " 262	*William A. McCool....	.....	.....
Mitchell " 263	Benjamin J. Baker....	.....	.....
Franklin " 264	*James L. Bell.....	.....	.....
Rob't W. Furnas " 265	.....	Alson J. Shumway....	.....
Silver " 266	Charles R. Metzger.....	.....	.....
James A. Tulleys " 267	.....	Edward R. Green.....	.....
Geo. W. Lininger " 268	Walter J. Clarkson....	William McCormack..	.....
Riverside " 269	.....	.....	.....
Huntley " 270	*Monroe J. Combs.....	.....	.....
Oasis " 271	Athenus L. Asa.....	.....	.....
Lee P. Gillette. " 272	John B. Lichtenwallner	.....	.....
Crofton " 273	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch... " 274	*Cecil R. Boughn.....	Cecil R. Boughn.....	.....
Ramah " 275	Roscoe J. Slater.....	Ward F. Dobbins.....	.....
Antelope " 274	Rhadamanthus H. Scofield	*George F. Colby.....	Charles H. Stockdale.

*Proxy.

Your committee also reports the presence of representatives near the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, from the following Grand Lodges: Alabama, Alpha Morgan; British Columbia, Thomas M. Davis; Colorado, Charles J. Phelps; District of Columbia, Ernest H. James; Egypt, Harry A. Cheney; England, Frank E. Bullard; Idaho, Fred A. Howe; Illinois, George H. Thummel; Indiana, Harry P. Deuel; Louisiana, Robert E. Evans; Maine, Thomas K. Sudborough; Michigan, Daniel H. Wheeler; Minnesota, George A. Beecher; Montana, John J. Mercer; New Hampshire, Frederic L. Temple; New York, William A. DeBord; North Dakota, John A. Ehrhardt; Oregon, William T. Bourke; Prince Edward Island, Charles E. Burnham; Quebec, James Tyler; Rhode Island, Michael Dowling; South Carolina, James R. Cain, Jr.; Tennessee, Francis E. White; Texas, Martin Dunham; Utah, Robert E. French; Vermont, Frank H. Young; Washington, Andrew H. Viele; Western Australia, Ornan J. King; Wisconsin, Albert W. Crites.

The following report of the Committee on Memorial to "Washington, the Mason," was presented by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, and on motion was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL TO "WASHINGTON,
THE MASON."

To the Grand Lodge:

Your committee begs leave to make the following report:

On the 22d of February, 1909, there was organized at Alexandria, Virginia, the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association, originated by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M.; the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, Alexandria, Virginia, was the home town of George Washington, he being a member of its Council, a vestryman in Christ Church, and first Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22; Alexandria's citizens first celebrating his birthday, its soldiers, physicians, ministers and Masons ministering to him in life and in death, the Alexandria-Washington Lodge possessing, as priceless heirlooms many of the personal effects and Masonic treasures of this man, whom 'Heaven left childless that a nation might call him Father;'

And, whereas, it is fitting that the lodge, over which he presided and which bears his name, should father the effort to build, in Alexandria, a Memorial to commemorate the name of Washington, the Mason;

Now therefore, be it Resolved: FIRST: That we approve and endorse the proposed erection of a Masonic Temple, as a memorial to Washington, the Mason, under the auspices of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M., of Alexandria, Virginia. SECOND: That we do now organize the permanent Washington Masonic Memorial Association."

On the date above named the Grand Masters or their proxies from twenty-three Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, met and adopted a constitution consisting of fourteen articles.

The first article provides the name; the second fixes the place of meeting of the association at Alexandria, Virginia; the third describes

the object, which is to collect a fund to erect and maintain a suitable Masonic Memorial to George Washington, in the form of a Temple, in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, and to provide a place where the several Grand Jurisdictions, members of the association, may perpetuate, in imperishable form, the memory and achievements of the man whose distinguished services, zealous attachment, and unswerving fidelity to the principles of our institution merit particular and lasting reward; to create, foster, and diffuse a more intimate fraternal spirit, understanding, and intercourse between the several Grand Jurisdictions and Sovereign Grand Bodies throughout the United States and her insular possessions, members of this association; to cherish, maintain, and extend the wholesome influence and example of our illustrious dead.

Article four provides for the membership; the active members being the Grand Masters of the several Grand Lodges, the presiding Grand Officers of the other Masonic Grand Bodies, and representatives to be chosen, one from each Grand Lodge, General Grand Chapter, Grand Encampment, and Supreme Council of the United States and her insular possessions, who shall associate themselves with said association and for such term and in such manner as said bodies may provide. Honorary members may be chosen at the regular meetings on February 22d, by unanimous ballot, as a special and particular honor.

Articles five and six provide for the officers, and fix the manner of their election.

Article seven provides for the installation of the officers.

Article eight provides for the method and qualification of voting.

Article nine states the duties of the officers.

Article ten refers to the title of the property, and provides that the title to the Temple and land in connection therewith shall be vested in a board of five trustees, who as well as their successors, shall be elected by the association, shall be Freemasons, citizens of the state of Virginia, three of whom shall be nominated by Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. & A. M., of Alexandria, Virginia, and appointed in the mode prescribed by the laws of that state. The deed conveying the property to said trustees shall describe accurately and particularly the several and respective rights of all interested therein.

Article eleven provides for the expulsion of members when legally deprived of the rights and benefits of Masonry.

Article twelve provides for amendments to the constitution.

Article thirteen provides for the memorial fund raised for the erection and maintenance of the Temple, and provides that not less than 25 per cent. of the funds shall be set aside as an endowment.

Article fourteen pledges the membership of the association to use their moral influence and active support to the furtherance of the plan for the collection of moneys necessary for the completion and endowment of the memorial.

On February 21st, 1911, the association met in the hall of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, at Alexandria, and were congregated by W. Charles H. Callahan, Master of the lodge, who without ceremony sur-

rendered the gavel to M. W. William B. McChesney, Grand Master of Masons of Virginia, and temporary chairman of the association. After prayer by Rev. William J. Morton, rector of Christ Church, the presiding officer announced the particular and important business of the association, which was the final adoption of the constitution for the permanent association, and after naming R. W. William L. Andrews, Deputy Grand Master of Virginia, as temporary secretary, appointed as the committee on constitution, M. W. Brethren James R. Johnson, Grand Master of South Carolina, J. Albert Blake, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, Albert B. Ashley, Grand Master of Illinois, Lawrence H. Lee, Grand Master of Alabama; John J. Hull, Grand Master of North Dakota; Robert R. Burnam, Grand Master of Kentucky, Henry Banks, Past Grand Master of Georgia, R. T. W. Duke, Jr., Past Grand Master of Virginia, and W. R. Ellis, representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, with W. Charles H. Callahan and Robert D. Barrett as an advisory committee from Alexandria-Washington Lodge. The committee retired, and after due consideration submitted their revision of the instrument, which was considered and finally adopted. The meeting adjourned until 9:30 o'clock on the morning of February 22d, 1911, when they proceeded to nominate, elect, and install the officers of the association.

Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of Masons in Maryland, and who has held that office for a quarter of a century, was the man elected as the first president of the association. The other officers are as follows: First Vice-President, James M. Lamberton, Grand Senior Deacon of Pennsylvania; Second Vice-President, James R. Johnson, Grand Master of South Carolina; Third Vice-President, Albert B. McGaffey, Grand Master of Colorado, Fourth Vice-President, Albert B. Ashley, Grand Master of Illinois; Secretary, Lawrence H. Lee, Grand Master of Alabama; Treasurer, Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Massachusetts.

There were represented at the meeting representatives of twenty-six Grand Lodges, making a representation of thirty-eight in number. M. W. Milton J. Hull, Past Grand Master of this jurisdiction, represented the Grand Lodge of Nebraska by proxy from the Grand Master.

Just before the close of the meeting on the 22d of February, the association requested each Grand Lodge to contribute \$100.00 to defray the expenses of the annual meeting, and the Memorial Committee in writing to the Grand Masters, say that this is not to be confused with the memorial fund, as no part of that is to be used for this purpose and in view of the fact that they have repeatedly made the statement in good faith that no Grand Lodge would be financially obligated to either the erection or maintenance of the building. The object of this \$100.00 donation should be made especially clear, that it is for the expenses of the annual conference of the representatives at the last meeting, the residue to be converted into a fund to assist in defraying the expenses

of the local office in Alexandria, in order that all moneys collected for the Memorial Fund may be preserved intact.

We, your committee, therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge give to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association their hearty and unqualified endorsement and support, and that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated out of the general fund of the Grand Lodge to pay their proportionate share of the expenses of said association.

At ten minutes past twelve o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Tuesday, June 6th, 1911.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, the officers and members being present as at the morning session.

On motion of Past Grand Master Phelps the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The Orphans Educational Fund of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, did by its Trustees on the fourteenth day of April, A. D. 1909, execute and deliver to F. P. Uerling of Adams County, Nebraska, its certain contract for the purchase and sale of lot seventeen (17) in block twenty-four (24), original town of Hastings, County of Adams, State of Nebraska, for the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars,

And, Whereas, Said purchaser has made full payment on said contract and is entitled to a deed for said premises,

Therefore, be it Resolved, That the Grand Master and Grand Secretary be directed to deliver to the said purchaser a good and sufficient Warranty Deed for the said premises, in accordance with the terms of the said contract, and that the Trustees of the Orphans Educational Fund join in said deed.

Past Grand Master Phelps, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented his report, which was ordered published with the proceedings, also the following, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE, VALLE DE MEXICO.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence, to whom the application of certain of the officers of said Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, to recognize change of name was made, fraternally report:

That, owing to a division of said Grand Lodge, occurring at a recent communication of the same, and what we believe to be the instability

of organized Freemasonry in Mexico, we recommend that recognition of the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, be withdrawn.

And we further recommend that action upon the application of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, F. & A. M., be deferred until the next annual communication of our Grand Lodge.

Brother Chatburn, 19, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all blank demit forms hereafter furnished by the Grand Secretary to lodges shall have a blank space for showing the dates of initiation, passing, and raising, also the highest official position held by the brother in his lodge.

Brother Cole, 3, presented the following resolution in regard to receipts for dues issued by lodges, and the same was discussed by the brethren; it did not carry:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary prepare and have printed a uniform receipt for dues, and keep at all times a sufficient number on hand to supply all lodges in the jurisdiction, the same to be the only receipt used, and sold only by the Grand Secretary at about cost.

The amendment to the constitution presented at the communication of 1910, was presented, and on motion of Brother Hazen, 55, was adopted by more than the necessary majority required by the constitution.

Brother Cole, 3, moved that the Grand Lodge subscribe to the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada. Brother Andrew J. O'Reilly, a member of the Advisory Board of the association, addressed the Grand Lodge on the subject of relief, and explained the purpose of the organization. Brother Briggs, 15, moved that the motion be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The motion to refer was carried.

Past Grand Master Dowling presented the following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence; Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved that the report be considered section by section; this was done, and all sections were adopted, and also the report as a whole:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs leave to report on the matters referred to it as follows:

Past Grand Master Dowling, on page 259, proceedings of 1910, recommended:

"First, I recommend that our law be changed so as to permit brethren who for religious or conscientious reasons wish to demit, to do so."

This recommendation was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and held for further consideration by its action one year ago. Your committee now recommends that the recommendation be not concurred in.

Grand Master Cheney on page 494 of his address recommends that the Orphans Educational Fund be placed under the management of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home, and that the trustees of the Fund be done away with. This recommendation is approved.

Your committee also approves the recommendation of the Grand Master that the office of the Grand Treasurer be abolished, and that the funds should be by the Grand Secretary deposited in a designated bank, and that the Committee on Codification of the Law be directed to recommend such changes in our law as will carry out the recommendations of our Grand Master in these two respects.

Your committee recommends that no action be taken regarding the matter of representatives as mentioned on page 495.

Your committee recommends that the matter of the recognition of the M. W. York Grand Lodge of Mexico, F. & A. M., be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Your committee recommends that the special dispensations granted by the Grand Master be approved.

Your committee recommends that all by-laws and amendments thereto be referred to the Committee on By-Laws of Chartered Lodges.

Regarding the matter of irregular work, as referred to on page 492, by North Star Lodge No. 227, your committee recommends that the Grand Master be directed to heal or authorize the healing of the brother mentioned, in Merna Lodge No. 171.

Your committee recommends the approval of the decision made by the Grand Master.

Brother Henry T. Clarke, who was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Nebraska Lodge No. 1, in 1857, presented a bouquet of marguerites to the Grand Lodge, one for each member, with his compliments. On motion, a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Deuel, Mercer, and Burnham, was appointed to call on Brother Clarke, and invite him to attend the meeting tomorrow at half past ten o'clock A. M., to receive the thanks of the Grand Lodge for the flowers, and the gavel which he had presented.

A letter was presented from M. W. John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, relating to the care of the funds of the Grand

Lodge, and on motion it was read and ordered placed on file. On motion a committee consisting of Past Grand Masters Crites, Phelps, and Ehrhardt, was appointed to prepare and present a resolution expressing the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Grand Treasurer for the care he has taken of the funds, and the fraternal good will and affection in which he is held, with the hope of his speedy recovery to health. In due time the committee presented the following:

To the Grand Lodge:

Your select committee, appointed to prepare and submit an expression of opinion in relation to Brother John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, on his retirement from office, beg leave to offer the following:

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska, on receiving from M. W. Brother John B. Dinsmore, Grand Treasurer, an expression of his wish to be relieved from further official service on account of continued ill health, makes and records the following minute of its regard and esteem for our brother:

For many years Brother Dinsmore has given most freely and ungrudgingly of his time and efforts in our service. In the great office of Grand Master of Masons and in the stations and places leading up to it, as well as in the scarcely less important one of Grand Treasurer, his work was ever wise and faithful, and will stand as his best monument when time, for him, shall be no more. In his daily walk before men and Masons, he has been most uncompromisingly upright and honorable. When once seeing the right course, there was no swerving, no hesitation, or equivocating in him. He was in all things a fitting model for the attention of unfinished Craftsmen.

We invoke the Supreme Architect, that our brother be given yet much time on earth for the wearing of his well earned honors among us here, and when that great day for which we are all bound shall come for him, that he may receive his just reward upon the islands of the blessed.

Brother Phillips, 93, read the following report which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, beg leave to report:

That we have carefully examined the demits, petitions, record book, accounts, by-laws, and petition for a charter from Sioux Lodge

U. D., at Harrison, and find them perfect, without a single error; we most heartily recommend that the petitioners be granted a charter, under the name of Sioux Lodge No. 277.

That we have examined like documents from Litchfield Lodge U. D., at Litchfield, and find only a few errors; we recommend that the petitioners be granted a charter under the name of Litchfield Lodge No. 278.

That we have examined documents from Wallace Lodge U. D., at Wallace, including a petition that their dispensation be continued; we find only a few minor errors, and recommend that they be granted a continuance of their dispensation until April 30th, 1912, under the name of Wallace Lodge U. D..

Brother Temple, 61, for the committee, presented the following report, and on motion it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Accounts, offer the following statement:

We have checked the reports and books of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Custodian, and the books and securities of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund, and find that the several accounts are correct, the following amounts being in each fund:

In the hands of the Grand Treasurer, General Fund.....\$22,978.11
In the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Relief Fund.....\$ 1,920.50

Total\$24,898.61

In the hands of the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund:

Securities on hand.....\$63,000.00
Cash on hand..... 133.78

Total\$63,133.78

We find a balance on hand from the appropriation for the expenses of the Grand Custodian of.....\$ 33.26
Balance on hand from appropriation for expenses of Assistant Custodians 280.87

We commend the conscientious, efficient, and economical services of the Grand Custodian and his assistants.

We have checked the accounts of the Committee on Relief and find them correct.

Balance in the hands of the committee.....\$2,728.05

We commend the unselfish work of this committee in the proper handling of this fund.

We commend the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary for the accurate and thorough manner in which their several accounts are kept.

We commend the Treasurer of the Orphans Educational Fund for the excellent class of securities in which said fund is invested, and for the personal attention and care he has given to the work. We recommend that the trustees collect all loans at maturity, or a reasonable time thereafter, or renew the same as a first lien on the property.

We recommend that in the future the Grand Secretary and Grand Custodian itemize their expense accounts as heretofore, but not be required to furnish vouchers for incidental expenses, such as expressage, telephones, etc., where the amount is less than two dollars.

We congratulate the Grand Lodge upon the prosperous condition of its finances, due to the faithful and untiring efforts of its officers and committees.

The subjects of delinquent dues and lodges not being represented at the annual communications were considered by the Grand Lodge, and on motion of Past Grand Master Thummel the incoming Grand Master was requested to take up these matters with the Masters of the lodges, and see that the law is enforced.

The matter of the indebtedness of Indianola Lodge No. 123, extinct, was presented, and on motion of Brother White, 6, the indebtedness was cancelled, and the Grand Secretary was directed to return the note to Endeavor Lodge No. 262.

Past Grand Master Bullard moved that action on the matter of non-representation of lodges in the Grand Lodge be reconsidered; the motion did not prevail.

At six o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday, June 6th, 1911.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the previous session, except that Brother Thomas M. Davis, 93, filled the station of Grand Junior Warden while R. W. Brother Alpha Morgan served on the Committee on Relief.

Grand Orator Elmer W. Brown was introduced by the Grand Master and delivered the following oration:

ORATION.

When we take a retrospective view of what has been said and written relative to Masonry, it furnishes a rich field for sober reflection and careful meditation. Indeed it would seem presumptuous to undertake to offer anything new upon the subject, and it would seem as though there could be advanced only such ideas and thoughts, and only such expressions given as have been used by others who have gone before. Yet if we were to take the view that nothing new can be offered upon the subject of Masonry, still we would have a very great satisfaction in knowing that its teachings are a perennial inspiration to its votaries.

We know that the beauties of Masonry appeal alike to the young man whose activity is ascending in the eastern horizon, to the middle aged man who has reached the very zenith of his powers at life's meridian, and to the man who has grown old in the service and whose whitened locks indicate that he has passed on into life's afternoon and is rapidly approaching its western horizon. We know that men in every period of life, in every financial station, reared under every form of government representing civilized nations throughout the world, who industriously apply themselves in search of Masonic truths, are rewarded by continually seeing new beauties in Masonry and continually drinking deeper draughts from its fountains of inspiration.

Such have been the facts for so long a time, that the "memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

The wisdom, the beauty, and above all the broad mantle of Masonic charity have remained the same from the beginning.

This leads to the inquiry as to what is inherent in Masonry that attracts men to it, and the character and scope of the influence that emanates from it.

The very antiquity of Masonry appeals to men. It is the oldest fraternal society known to man. Its growth has not been rapid, but it has been continual. It has been the object of malicious attack by the ill-advised; and notwithstanding Masonry has never publicly defended itself, save and except by the lives and examples of its votaries before the world, these attacks have become obsolete and Masonry is today looked upon with more favor by well thinking men than ever before, and the Order was never more widely diffused, nor in a more healthy condition than at the present time.

The democratic spirit, in its broadest sense, has always been one of the cardinal virtues of Masonry, and has always been one of its most attractive features. Within the sacred precincts of the Masonic lodge, men of all degrees and stations in life meet on an equality. The rich and poor stand side by side. The one loses sight of his power and his station, the other forgets his poverty. He who is high in political or social life stands side by side with the humblest citizen. The one lays aside his prestige, the other forgets his humility. The man of ordinary intellectual endowment and attainment and the man of great learning and intellectual achievements have each found a welcome and an at-

traction within our Fraternity. And yet while such is the case and the true democratic spirit prevails to the greatest extent in the Order. Masonry chooses its membership, and none are admitted into its ranks except those who are believed worthy to receive a part of the rights, lights, and benefits of Masonry, and are worthy to receive the Masonic fellowship of their brethren. In this connection, it might be well for us to observe that the Fraternity should have more concern relative to the quality than of the quantity of the new material received into its ranks, for the influence of Masonry is wielded by the high moral and ethical standard of its membership rather than its numbers. The detrimental influence of one who is admitted to its ranks may easily outweigh the beneficent influence of a number of its most worthy members.

It is natural for man to desire fellowship with mankind. Man makes progress by meeting and coming into close contact with his fellowmen. Men become stronger mentally, spiritually, morally, and socially by meeting and associating with other men, and this is more especially true when men so associated together are united in one common purpose of leading a broader, purer, and a nobler life.

Unless man has the advantage of the thoughts and intellectual industry of others, either by reading or personal association, he must necessarily make but very little progress; and the field of his mental activity and achievements at most must be considerably limited.

The effects of fraternal association may well serve to save a man from being a recluse and give him an activity for exertion and bringing out the best that is in him, while otherwise his energies would lie dormant and undeveloped. One of the best, strongest, and most influential ministers of the Gospel in the state of Nebraska received from the sacred confines of the Masonic lodge room the inspiration to lead a life devoted and consecrated to the benefit of humanity, and no doubt the influence of this one man has already made its impression on the minds and hearts and into the lives of hundreds.

Association naturally leads to an inspiration for greater emulation and activity, the beneficial effects of which cannot be measured, but will be felt by millions in the future ages.

A very large number of the names recorded in the history of our country appear in the Masonic records. Such noble and patriotic spirits as that of Washington, Franklin, Hancock, Lafayette, Warren, and Paul Revere were active and loyal Masons. In fact, a large number of the best and most prominent and influential men in nearly all communities are Masons, and such have been the facts throughout the history of our country. The spirit of Masonry rocked the cradle of liberty at the time of the American Revolution, and it always has been one of the most potent influences toward the freedom of speech and independence of thought and action, not only in our country but throughout the civilized nations.

Again, man is naturally and inherently a worshipful being. Human nature has been very much the same in all ages and in all countries, except as it has been influenced and modified by environment, custom,

and education. The history of all nations from those who boast of the highest civilization down through all degrees of development to the untutored savage, shows the natural inclination of man to worship a Supreme Being, and look to and have an abiding faith in some Supernatural Power. Masonry is not a religion. But the Eternal Truth, the Great Light of Masonry, is the tenet that stands in bold relief above all of its other doctrines, and satisfies, to some degree at least, that innermost desire of man to lean for support and strength upon an All Wise Providence. The frivolous may attract for a time, but it is the more serious things in life that have the greatest attraction, and appeal more strongly and steadfastly to the best that is in man.

There was a time within the history of our country when men did not think and act with freedom according to their own best judgment upon moral, religious, and political questions. The Pilgrims came to this country that they might worship and live according to the dictates of the still small voice called conscience, unhindered and unmolested, and some one has said, for the further purpose of compelling others to worship in accordance with the belief of the Pilgrims. Roger Williams was banished and left to perish in a wilderness or to be tortured by savages, because his religious belief did not conform with that of these same Pilgrims, who had sacrificed so much that they might be unmolested in their religious belief. Harmless and defenseless women were put to death because their actions did not conform to the will of those in authority. Religious thought and activity was hedged about with all kinds of unreasonable restrictions. We find in one of the best American histories language as follows:

"The regulation by Statute of the dress, daily habits and social usages of the people was a distinctive feature of puritan polity. The wearing of gaudy or costly apparel did not, in the eye of the Puritan, comport with good moral conduct, and it was, therefore, forbidden in many New England communities. Thus by a Statute of 1634 the General Court of Massachusetts forbade the purchase of any cloth or the making of a dress with more than one slash on the sleeve or adorned with embroidery or silver buckles. There were apparently a good many prosecutions under the act.

"By a Statute of 1677 the wearing of gold or silver lace or buttons or silk ribbons or other superfluous trimming was forbidden, but magistrates, their families and military officers were exempted from the law.

"Many were the Statutes for the regulation of morals of the people. In Connecticut these regulations were marked by such extreme severity that they have come down to us under the name of the 'Blue Laws.' To mention a few of them: No one was allowed to give lodging to a Quaker or other heretic, to walk about town on the Sabbath Day except reverently to and from meeting, no one could travel, or cook victuals, make beds, sweep house, cut hair or shave on the Lord's Day, nor bring cards into the colony, nor dance, nor play on any instrument of music except the drum, the trumpet or the jewsharp. The harboring of strangers and even relatives was regulated and sometimes forbidden, and out-

siders were not allowed to enter the colony without the permission of magistrates."

It will thus be seen that the affairs of church and the affairs of state were closely blended together, and the former seemed to dominate over the latter. Indeed, at the time above referred to, the church and state seemed to be closely allied under most of the governments; and at one time but little if any longer ago than to which reference has just been made, England, as far advanced and developed as any of the nations, was said to have on its statute books two hundred crimes, the penalty of which was capital punishment. Government was largely dominated and controlled by religious prejudices, the flames of which were fanned by narrow and mischievous, or ignorant, religious bigots.

There has been more sorrow and more anguish, and more tears have been shed and more blood has flowed, because of narrow and intolerant religious views and prejudices than any other cause.

As time has gone on there has taken place a gradual change toward a more liberal view, and everywhere we find that men are more tolerant of the views of others. This change has sometimes seemed slow. It has not been many decades since members of one church denomination did not look with favor upon attending the services of another denomination. At the present time this view is considerably changed and is fast disappearing.

These are only a few of the illustrations that may be given to show what wonderful changes have been wrought within a couple of centuries on the popular mind relative to religious subjects. The changes in opinion which have taken place relative to government and political matters within the past two centuries are amazing. Government by the people, of the people, and for the people was unknown in its practical application, two centuries ago. Even under our present form of government, and within the last half century, a race of people were under subjugation and in bondage. At the present time popular opinion is almost universally against slavery as it existed in the southern states prior to the Civil War. Yet less than fifty years ago the public conscience had been awakened so little on this question that the nation was nearly rent asunder, and the greatest civil war known to history was required to eradicate this evil.

Within the past decade the public conscience has been aroused as never before. Within this time there seems to have been an awakening in the popular mind that amounts to a political evolution, not only in this country but throughout the civilized world. Things that were looked upon with favor in political life and in public places less than ten years ago are now looked upon with disdain, and as a disgrace, and would not be tolerated by the public.

During the time these wonderful changes have been taking place in religious views and political thought, there has been equally as great a change taking place in material advancement and development.

The hands on the dial of the clock of progress have advanced in the past century, and especially in the last fifty years with a most

remarkable rapidity. Material development has been amazing and almost beyond comprehension. Labor saving machinery that increases the power of production many fold has been constructed in every line of industry. The inventive genius has been at work in all directions to add to the comfort, enjoyment, convenience, and prosperity of the people.

In 1793, Whitney by the invention of the cotton gin increased the production of labor in the ginning of cotton more than one hundred fold, and caused an industrial revolution in the cotton producing states. In seven years from 1793 to 1800, the value of cotton exported increased from \$500,000.00 to \$18,000,000.00. This is but one of the thousands of labor saving inventions that have been produced to increase the efficiency of labor and add to the material prosperity of the people.

The various industries have constantly and continually been re-adjusted in an effort to keep pace with the many inventions and improvements. Many of the practical conveniences and necessities of today were regarded as impossible only a few decades ago. So astounding have been the inventions and improvements of the past that no one can safely venture an assertion of what may take place in the future.

Today we travel across the continent in safety and with the most luxurious surroundings, and with every comfort at our command in less time than our forefathers a century ago could have traveled one hundred miles in the best, but primitive conveyance, that could be obtained at that time.

Today we read before breakfast, from our daily papers, the things of the greatest importance that have transpired the preceding day throughout the civilized world. It has been but a few decades since the comforts of our homes were satisfied from the industry of the immediate community. Today we have in our homes the choice from the industry of the whole civilized world, and our tables may be spread with the delicacies and productions of the various climates.

The evolution that has taken place in the religious and political world has been largely the result of the freedom of the mind and independent thought. During the time that this greatest evolution has been taking place in the religious and political world, the greatest and most marvelous changes have been taking place in industrial and economical matters. We are certainly warranted in coming to the conclusion that the change toward freedom of thought and independent views on religious and political subjects have been closely associated with the great changes that have taken place in industrial affairs, and no doubt have had an effect to a very marked degree upon the material progress of the world.

William Lloyd Garrison described very beautifully the "Freedom of the Mind" as follows:

"High walls and huge the body may confine,
And iron grates obstruct the prisoner's gaze,
And massive bolts may baffle his design,
And vigilant keepers watch his devious ways;
Yet scorns the immortal mind this base control!

No chains can bind it and no cell enclose;
Swifter than light, it flies from pole to pole,
And in a flash, from earth to heaven it goes!
It leaps from mount to mount—from vale to vale
It wanders, plucking honeyed fruits and flowers;
It visits home to hear the fireside tale,
Or in sweet converse pass the joyous hours.
'Tis up before the sun, roaming afar,
And in its watches wearies every star!"

While Masonry has its symbols and has a certain formality, it is the broad charitable spirit of Masonry that has yielded the greatest influence upon its members. Masonry has never attempted as a body to have an influence beyond the lodge room. It has never pharisaically extolled its virtues before the world. No man outside of Masonry can know anything relative to the symbols and formalities of the Fraternity, but he may read something of the spirit of Masonry as exemplified by the lives of its votaries who are imbued with the true spirit of Masonry.

The freedom for independent thought and the freedom of the mind so firmly imbedded in the true spirit of Masonry must necessarily have wielded throughout the past a great influence upon the individual members of the Fraternity, and its individual members must have had an enormous influence upon humanity. Such being the case, it seems to me we are irresistibly led to the conclusion that Masonry has had an enormous influence in the evolution that has taken place in the religious and political world, and in the great revolution and advancement that is taking place in the industrial and material enterprises.

Thus Masonry occupies a very important place in the advancement of the world. Its membership is chosen from the very flower of mankind. Therefore, its opportunity for wielding a most potent influence for the uplift, betterment, and happiness of the people is great, and it is most important as to how well this duty and responsibility is performed. This is not a duty to in any way undertake to influence men or governments for or against any particular measure or policy. Whenever any organization tries to influence religious, political, or industrial affairs in any specific way for or against some certain policy, then its influence cannot be as great as when its attempts are simply to teach its members to regulate their lives and actions agreeably to the dictates of reason, and to wisely judge and prudentially determine on all the things relative to the present as well as the future happiness of mankind.

As Masons it is our duty to see that the present Masonic principles in their true and broadest spirit are passed on to posterity untarnished and unsullied, and shining forth with a greater brightness and lustre than ever before.

At the conclusion of the oration Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be tendered to the Grand Orator for the same, and that he be requested to

furnish a copy for publication with the proceedings; the motion was carried unanimously.

On motion of Brother Ehrhardt, 41, the election of officers was made a special order for half past nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 7th.

Past Grand Master Evans, for the Committee on Relief, presented some cases of application for relief, and asked for instructions from the Grand Lodge. After some discussion Brother Wilcox, 92, moved that the committee be instructed to grant relief in the cases referred to. Past Grand Master Dowling moved that further consideration of the matter be postponed until the morning session; Past Grand Master Ehrhardt moved as a substitute for the motion and amendment, that the entire matter be left with the Committee on Relief. The substitute motion prevailed.

At nine forty-five o'clock P. M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock A. M., Wednesday, June 7th, 1911.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1911.

At nine o'clock A. M., the Grand Lodge was called to order by Grand Master Cheney, with officers and members as at the preceding session.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, the Grand Master appointed the following tellers: Brothers Wilcox, 92, Mines, 120, Littlefield, 57, Maynard, 162, Lichtenwallner, 272, and Spicknall, 261. The following were chosen:

BRO.:HENRY GIBBONS, 46	Grand Master.
BRO.:JAMES R. CAIN, JR., 105	Deputy Grand Master.
BRO.:ALPHA MORGAN, 148	Grand Senior Warden.
BRO.:THOMAS M. DAVIS, 93	Grand Junior Warden.
BRO.:CHARLES E. BURNHAM, 166	Grand Treasurer.
BRO.:FRANCIS E. WHITE, 6	Grand Secretary.

Later in the session appointment was made of:

BRO.:GEORGE A. BEECHER, 268	Grand Chaplain.
BRO.:JOHN F. POUCHER, 41	Grand Orator.

BRO. ROBERT E. FRENCH, 46	Grand Custodian.
BRO. SAMUEL S. WHITING, 54	Grand Marshal.
BRO. ANDREW H. VIELE, 55	Grand Senior Deacon.
BRO. FREDERIC L. TEMPLE, 61	Grand Junior Deacon.
BRO. REUBEN FORBES, 3	Grand Tyler.

Brothers William A. DeBord, 3; James R. Cain, Jr., 105; William T. Bourke, 268; Committee on Codification of the Law.

Brothers Francis E. White, 6; Charles J. Phelps, 34; George R. Chatburn, 19; Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Brothers Albert W. Crites, 158; Samuel P. Davidson, 17; George A. Beecher, 268; Committee on Fraternal Dead.

Brothers Frank H. Young, 207 (1 year); Ornan J. King, 54 (2 years); Alpha Morgan, 148 (3 years); Albert W. Crites, 158 (4 years); Robert E. Evans, 5 (5 years); Committee on Relief.

Brothers John J. Mercer, 3; George H. Thummel, 33; Charles E. Burnham, 166; Committee on Promulgation of the Work.

Past Grand Master Mercer, for the Committee on Promulgation of the Work, read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMULGATION OF THE WORK.

To the M. W. U., the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Promulgation of the Work would respectfully report:

That they have carefully considered the report of your Grand Custodian, and most heartily approve his work of the past year; and the manner in which he has discharged his duties as Grand Custodian.

Your committee most emphatically states that the action of the Grand Lodge of one year ago in creating assistants to the Grand Custodian did not in any manner change the law as to promulgation of the work; that the assistants are in no manner District Deputies; that Section 8, Chapter II, is still in full force and effect.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Grand Custodian, your committee recommends that the Committee on Promulgation of the Work hereafter consist of but three members, and that the Grand Custodian be not a member of the committee; and to relieve your Grand Master of all embarrassment your committee recommends that the present committee be now discharged from further service.

Your committee further recommends the approval of the action of the Grand Master in fixing the per diem of assistants at \$4.00, and that your Committee on Ways and Means provide for an appropriation of

\$500.00 for assistants for the coming year; and that the recommendations of your committee of one year ago be continued in force for one year more.

On motion of Past Grand Master Burnham, the Grand Master was requested to issue a special dispensation without fee to Tekamah Lodge No. 31, Tekamah, to elect a secretary out of time.

Past Grand Master Bullard moved and it was carried that it be considered the sense of the Grand Lodge that the fact that lodges were not conferring degrees was not necessarily an indication of dormancy or death, or that progress was being arrested by captious or unworthy motives.

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to have new commissions printed for representatives near other Grand Lodges.

Past Grand Master Bullard moved that the question of laying corner-stones where lodges build in connection with other parties, and as to laying them in the first or second stories, be left to the Grand Master; the motion prevailed.

The action of the Grand Master in holding in abeyance by-laws providing for the exemption from the payment of dues, having been referred by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers to the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Master Bullard moved that these by-laws be approved; the motion did not carry.

The committee with Brother Henry T. Clarke was announced in waiting, and Brother Clarke was introduced to the Grand Master by Past Grand Master Mercer; Brother Clarke was welcomed by the Grand Master, and introduced to the brethren. Past Grand Master Burnham moved that thanks be extended Brother Clarke for the flowers and pictures he had sent the Grand Lodge, and the gavel he had presented the Grand Master for the Grand Body, and the motion was carried unanimously. Brother Clarke addressed the Grand Lodge thanking the members for the honors extended to him.

The following report of the Committee on Relief was presented by Past Grand Master Young, and was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

To the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M.:

Your Committee on Relief and Orphans Educational Fund fraternally reports the following receipts and disbursements since June 1st, 1910:

RECEIPTS.

June 10th, 1910, received from Grand Lodge Relief Fund.....	\$1,901.87
Received for Special Relief.....	2,000.00
Received for interest on daily balance, 4 per cent. to June 1st..	130.00
	\$4,031.87

DISBURSEMENTS.

Adah B. Crosby, 18 years, Ollie F. Crosby, 14 years; Highland Lodge No. 194.....	29.39
Philip M. Evans, Mrs. Evans, Gladstone Lodge No. 176.....	29.88
Mrs. Mary A. Gray, and family, George Armstrong Lodge No. 241	50.00
Mrs. S. E. Harvey and two children, Siloam Lodge No. 147.....	300.00
Henry A. Hill and wife, Ashlar Lodge No. 33.....	146.70
Mrs. Lillian M. Longstreth and 5 children, Israel Lodge No. 187.	50.00
Frank J. Marten, 11 years, Margaret L. Marten, 9 years, Covert Lodge No. 11.....	36.00
Mrs. Mae C. Owens, Covert Lodge No. 11.....	120.00
E. Capel O. Sheppard, Landport Lodge No. 1776, England.....	100.00
Mrs. Lovina Titsworth, care and funeral expenses, Elk Creek Lodge No. 90.....	416.85
Mrs. Lizzie Wendell and 5 children, Trestle Board Lodge No. 162	25.00
	\$1,303.82
Certificate of deposit for balance herewith.....	2,728.05
	\$4,031.87

Past Grand Master Crites of the standing Committee on Relief made oral report from a visiting Committee to the Nebraska Masonic Home, in part as follows, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE TO THE NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME.

To the Grand Lodge:

On Sunday last, four members of your committee visited the Home at Plattsmouth, and made as full examination of the conditions and properties there as was possible during the few hours at our disposal. We found everything in most excellent order, cleanly and well kept. Our brethren, their widows and orphans making the Home their home, some 37 in number, appeared to be contented and as happy as people

ever are under such circumstances. All spoke well of Brother Askwith. Of course we received a number of suggestions for the betterment of the institution, some of which might be serviceable to the Board of Trustees. Our own opinion is that everything possible with the means at hand, is being done in and about the enterprise. Improvements are being planned for, which will increase the capacity to about double what it is now. In this connection, we feel that we would be remiss in our duty, should we fail to express our high appreciation of the zeal, constancy, and efficiency of the services of Brother Frank H. Young, President of the Board of Trustees. His unselfish and unstinted expenditure of his time and money for the welfare of the Home, deserves your highest commendation. We are entitled to congratulate ourselves on having set on foot so magnificent a monument of Masonic charity and Brotherly Love.

Past Grand Master Evans moved that the Grand Lodge subscribe for fifty shares of stock in the Nebraska Masonic Home, and that the Committee on Ways and Means appropriate \$5,000.00 therefor; the motion was carried.

Past Grand Master Ehrhardt outlined what had been considered would be the result of the proposed change in the law, abolishing the office of Grand Treasurer. Past Grand Master Burnham, in accepting the office of Grand Treasurer, stated that he would endeavor to carry out the ideas as presented by Brother Ehrhardt. On motion of Past Grand Master Thummel, it was ordered that Past Grand Master Ehrhardt be directed to prepare and send out a statement showing what effect the contemplated change in the law relating to the Grand Treasurer would be, also the reasons for the change.

At twelve o'clock M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 7th, 1911.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor by M.·W.·Harry A. Cheney at the appointed hour, with officers and members as at the preceding session, except that R.·W.·Alpha Morgan was in his station as Grand Junior Warden.

Brother Tooley, 258, presented the following report and it was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge of Nebraska:

Your committee respectfully recommends the following appropriations for the year 1911-1912:

Pay-roll	\$3,928.36
Chairman, Committee on Returns.....	50.00
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.....	100.00
Grand Master's expense, or the necessary amount thereof.....	300.00
Grand Master's clerk hire, or the necessary amount thereof.....	500.00
Grand Secretary's salary.....	1,800.00
Grand Treasurer's salary.....	50.00
Grand Secretary's clerk hire.....	1,500.00
Grand Custodian's salary.....	1,200.00
Grand Custodian's expense.....	600.00
Grand Lodge office, rent.....	200.00
Grand Lodge office, heat and light.....	50.00
Grand Lodge office, janitor.....	90.00
Grand Lodge office, telephone.....	40.00
Grand Treasurer's surety bond.....	60.00
Grand Secretary's surety bond.....	12.00
Postage, telegrams, telephone calls, and expressage.....	300.00
Stationery	70.00
Incidentals	75.00
Blanks	200.00
Purchasing supplies for sale and issue.....	900.00
Printing and electrotyping proceedings of 1911.....	900.00
Library, purchasing and binding.....	50.00
Printing parchment charters.....	30.00
Grand Tyler	15.00
Stenographer for the session.....	5.00
Commission, Treasurer, Orphans Educational Fund, 1 per cent. on entire investment.....	136.00
The Nebraska Masonic Home.....	5,000.00
Promulgation of the work, or the necessary amount thereof....	500.00
Fire insurance	40.00
Refund of fee to Siloam Lodge No. 147.....	10.00
The George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.	100.00
Membership fee for the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, or the necessary amount thereof.....	100.00

We recommend that the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska, become a member of the Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada, at a cost of one half cent per capita.

We recommend that none of the money appropriated for the expenses of the Grand Custodian or for the promulgation of the work be expended for any purpose but that of holding schools of instruction.

Past Grand Master Bullard, for the Committee on Fraternal Dead, read the following report, which was adopted by a rising vote:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD.

M. W. Grand Master and Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

A tribute to the dead? No, brethren, not to the dead, but to the sacred memory of those who with us in the morning, have departed in the evening for that other and more blessed country; where the clouds have lifted; where vision is perfected, and knowledge of the great I AM receives its final consummation.

In almost every lodge there has been a day, or days, when the brethren have gathered around an open grave, and have participated in the final ceremonies of the Masters degree; and each time, the true Mason, the one who has learned somewhat of the true meaning of the hidden mysteries, has reflected with composure, that for the brother so honored life has just begun, and that freed from the mean entanglements of the earthly tenement, he will enjoy the harmonious progress of a celestial empire, according to his degree of fitness.

We are told by the inspired Apostle of the Gentiles, that "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory." Thus it is manifested in the lives of the brethren, who since we last assembled have entered into life eternal. Each one, we feel sure was true and faithful according to the light and knowledge given him, but among the number there have been those whose sojourn among us was marked with distinction, and whose memories we will particularly cherish until we meet them again in the Supreme Grand Lodge above.

Past Grand Masters CHARLES K. COUTANT, and MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL were men and brethren whose words and deeds won them eminence in the Fraternity, and we are proud today to have enjoyed their companionship. The purity and simplicity of their lives, their unswerving devotion to truth and righteousness, was most marked, and those who knew them best loved them most.

To the surviving families of all our departed brethren we tender our sincerest, most loving sympathy, praying that they may find comfort and consolation in the faith of an immortal reunion in the realms beyond.

To our sister Grand Lodges we also extend our fraternal sympathy. Among the names of their sons who have laid aside the symbolic working tools of the Craft, we recognize many whose words of wisdom have illuminated and beautified Masonry throughout the world, and who in their several civic capacities have reflected honor upon the commonwealths claiming their allegiance.

We have received notice of the death of distinguished brethren as follows:

D. DUDLEY WILLIAMS	Past Grand Master of Alabama.....	March 12, 1911
WILLIAM KING RAMSEY	Past Grand Master of Arkansas.....	March 18, 1910
FREDERICK H. WALDRON	Past Grand Master of Connecticut ..	Nov. 20, 1910
JOHN MILLS PEARSON	Past Grand Master of Illinois.....	June 4, 1910
JOHN CORSON SMITH	Past Grand Master of Illinois.....	Dec. 31, 1910
ISAAC P. LEYDEN	Past Grand Master of Indiana.....	Oct. 11, 1910
SIMEON P. GILLET	Past Grand Master of Indiana.....	Nov. 26, 1910
LUCIEN A. FOOTE	Past Grand Master of Indiana.....	Nov. 30, 1910
DAVID W. CLEMENTS	Past Grand Master of Iowa	Nov. 16, 1910
JOHN C. POSTLETHWAITE.....	Past Grand Master of Kansas.....	Nov. 26, 1910
CHILES C. COLEMAN	Past Grand Master of Kansas.....	March 4, 1911
WILLIAM M. ISAAC	Grand Secretary of Maryland	Jan. 4, 1911
HENRY WARREN RUGG.....	Past Grand Master of Rhode Island	July 21, 1910
WILLIAM B. WILSON	Past Grand Master of Michigan	Jan. 24, 1911
CHARLES WHIPPO NASH	Past Grand Master of Minnesota ...	Aug. 18, 1910
FREDERIC SPEED	Past Grand Master of Mississippi ..	March 10, 1911
HARRISON JORDAN	Past Grand Master of Montana.....	Oct. 2, 1910
CHAUNCEY N. NOREWARE	Grand Secretary of Nevada.....	Oct. 22, 1910
JAMES TENYOK	Past Grand Master of New York.....	July 28, 1910
J. EDWARD SIMMONS	Past Grand Master of New York.....	Aug. 5, 1910
JOHN MILTON HODSON	Past Grand Master of Oregon.....	Oct. 9, 1910
WILLIAM FOUNTAIN BUTCHER	Past Grand Master of Oregon.....	Nov. 17, 1910
BENJAMIN ROGERS, SR.	Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island.....	Jan. 21, 1911
JACOB THOMAS BARRON.....	Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of South Carolina.....	Sept. 16, 1910
WILLIAM CLARK ALLEN.....	Past Grand Master of South Dakota	Nov. 9, 1910
HENRY HARRISON BLAIR	Past Grand Master of South Dakota	Febr. 27, 1911
FREDERICK H. FILES	Past Grand Master of South Dakota	March 1, 1911
JOHN ROBERT SMITH	Past Grand Master of Tennessee....	July 30, 1910
NATHAN C. GIFFIN	Past Grand Master of Wisconsin....	May 10, 1911
JETHRO T. HOLLIDAY	Past Grand Master of Wyoming.....	Sept. 20, 1910

The following report of the Committee on Codification of the Law was submitted by Past Grand Master Ehrhardt; Past Grand Master Phelps moved that the report be adopted; Past Grand Master Crites moved to amend so that the amendments to Sections 6 and 7 of Chapter II. of the law be postponed until the next annual communication, and that the amendments to Articles II., V., and VII., of the constitution be submitted to the lodges; the amendment to the motion, the motion as amended, and the report were adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CODIFICATION OF THE LAW.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Codification of the Law, in obedience to the instruction of this Grand Lodge in adopting the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, beg leave to submit the following amendments to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge:

That Section 6, of Chapter II, of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge be repealed.

That Section 7, of Chapter II, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 7. THE GRAND SECRETARY shall record the transactions of

the Grand Lodge, and shall personally attend each communication thereof, with all necessary books, papers, and accounts of his office. He shall have the custody of its seal and shall affix the same to all documents and papers whenever required by law or by the Grand Master. He shall receipt for and deposit without delay in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens acting collectively, all moneys received by him and belonging to the Grand Lodge, and shall keep strict account thereof; and when so deposited no money shall be drawn out of any bank except by orders regularly issued signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. He shall conduct its correspondence under the direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. He shall provide all necessary books and stationery for his office and have charge of all records, supplies, jewels, certificates, and documents; he shall draw all orders when lawfully directed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, and shall perform all other customary duties appertaining to his office, according to the customs, laws, and usages of Freemasonry. He shall be ex-officio Librarian of the Grand Lodge and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and shall prepare all diplomas provided for in these by-laws. He shall not authenticate any diploma except it be of the form heretofore adopted and in use by this Grand Lodge. All such diplomas which require the genuine signature of any brother shall not be authenticated by him until such signature is attached, and the diploma is complete as to date, seal, and signature of officers. All names on the diploma must be written with one given name in full. He shall keep in his office a record of those rejected, suspended, and expelled, but said record shall not be published or circulated except under directions of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. He shall, on or before the 20th day of March of each year, notify each lodge of any indebtedness due from it to the Grand Lodge, and on the 10th day of May of each year he shall close the account of each subordinate lodge preparatory to the annual grand communication, and for all of such services he shall receive a salary of \$1,800.00 per annum, payable monthly. He shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties in the sum of \$3,000.00, which may be provided by an approved guaranty company, and the cost of which shall be paid by this Grand Lodge. Upon the installation of his successor in office, he shall transfer to the latter all of the books, records, accounts, and supplies in his office, except such of said books and papers as may be necessary to enable him to make up his portion of the records of the communication at which said successor shall be installed, and he shall make delivery to his successor of these papers so retained with the least possible delay.

That Sec. 27, Chapter IV, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27. When the Grand Lodge is not in session the Orphans Educational Fund of this Grand Lodge shall be in charge and under the control of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home.

That Sec. 29 be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 27-A. FUNDS—HOW LOANED: Said funds may be loaned out upon real estate first mortgages in sums not to exceed \$5,000.00 to any one person or corporation, nor 40 per cent. of their appraised value, or in the purchase of such mortgage securities, or approved public securities. All unloaned money may be deposited in solvent banks on interest until required for the purpose of making loans. The applicant for a real estate loan shall furnish a complete abstract of title to the lands offered as security, and sign a statement setting forth the value, condition, and character of said land, the improvements thereon, the amount of loan desired, the length of time it is to run, and the rate of interest offered. The board shall cause an appraisalment to be made by two reputable appraisers, which shall show in items the fair market value of the land and the improvements thereon. The applicant shall pay for said abstract and appraisements and all recording fees. If the security offered is deemed satisfactory by a majority of the board, the loan may be completed and the securities therefor recorded and held by the Secretary of said board. As additional security, the borrower shall procure and maintain at his own cost sufficient solvent insurance upon the tenements upon said land and keep the policies thereof assigned and delivered to said Board of Trustees. No loan shall be made either directly or indirectly to any member of said Board of Trustees.

Sec. 28. The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall keep a record of their proceedings, which shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Grand Master, and anyone authorized by him for that purpose and shall at least ten days before the annual grand communication, file with the Grand Secretary a full, detailed, and itemized statement of the moneys received and paid out, the dates and sources of such receipt, the dates and objects of such payments, the securities in their custody, upon what lands, and what amounts, if any, are due and unpaid, and from whom owing. Said report shall be printed and referred in the same manner as the reports of the several Grand Officers.

Sec. 29. The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska Masonic Home shall promptly turn over to the Grand Lodge whenever it is in session, all money and securities belonging to this Fund.

Amend Section 27-A so that it will read as follows:

Sec. 30. NEBRASKA MASONIC HOME ENDOWMENT—\$50,000.00 of this fund shall constitute the Endowment Fund of the Nebraska Masonic Home. Seventy-five per cent. of the annual interest of this fund, based on the earnings thereof for the preceding year may be used for the care and education of orphans, and the support and maintenance of the Home, which shall be disbursed on the order of the Relief Committee, through warrants drawn by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. This Endowment Fund, with its increase from time to time, shall by the Board of Trustees be kept separate and distinct from all other funds.

That Section 27-B be re-numbered as Section 30-A.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We, your Committee on Codification of the Law, in obedience to the instruction of this Grand Lodge in adopting the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, beg leave to submit the following amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge:

Amend Article II. of the constitution by striking out the first two words in the third line.

Amend Article V. of the constitution by striking out all of the seventh line.

Amend Article VII. of the constitution by striking out the words "A Grand Treasurer" in the third line from the end.

The amendment to the law, presented at the last annual communication by Brother Reuling, 104, (see page 326 of the proceedings) being called up, Past Grand Master Phelps moved that it be adopted. Remarks were made by Past Grand Masters Crites, Phelps, DeBord, Bullard, and Evans, and by Brothers Troyer, 207, and Beecher, 268. The motion was lost, and the amendment declared rejected.

Brother Cole, 3, moved that the Grand Secretary be directed to purchase a sufficient supply of the List of Regular Lodges for the lodges of Nebraska. The motion did not carry.

Past Grand Master French moved that Grand Master Cheney be excused from further attendance at this Grand Lodge, he having received a message stating that his wife was ill. The motion prevailed, and Deputy Grand Master Gibbons assumed the station of Grand Master.

Grand Chaplain Beecher offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is with regret that we have learned of the illness of Mrs. Cheney; that we pray for Brother Cheney a safe return to his home, and that his wife may soon be restored to health.

On motion the Committee on Pay-roll was instructed to pay representatives for three days' session, with payment for an additional day to the members present of the committees convened in advance.

Past Grand Master King addressed the Grand Lodge in regard to the Nebraska Masonic Home, speaking concerning the addition that will soon be necessary, urging the lodges to send brethren to visit the Home so that they can be in a position to offer suggestions as to what should be done in the way of providing for the future.

The following report of the Committee on Grievances, presented by Brother O'Hanlon, 21, Chairman, was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

To the M. W., the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska:

We, your Committee on Grievances, respectfully and fraternally beg leave to report as follows:

In the matter of the application of a former member of Hiram Lodge No. 52 for reinstatement: it appears that the delinquent brother has made proper reparation to his lodge, and his application for reinstatement has been acted upon unanimously in his favor; and we recommend that the action of the lodge be approved, and that the brother be restored to good standing in the Fraternity.

In regard to the question of jurisdiction between Tecumseh Lodge No. 17 and Sterling Lodge No. 70, we find insufficient evidence in the report to permit us to determine which is right; and we recommend that the matter be referred to the incoming Grand Master to dispose of upon additional evidence which may be submitted or procured.

In regard to the action of the Grand Master in the disposition of charges made against the Master of Minden Lodge No. 127 for unmasonic conduct, we recommend that the order of the Grand Master in arresting the jewel of the then Master of said subordinate lodge be approved.

In regard to accusations made by a member of the lodge against the Master of Clay Centre Lodge No. 139 and a sojourning Mason, in the form of a letter, we have examined the alleged accusations and we find that they do not charge the brethren with either official misconduct or unmasonic conduct, and we recommend that the decision of the Grand Master be approved. (In the committee sessions Brother Epperson did not vote on this question.)

In the matter of a member appealing from the sentence of expulsion by Nebraska Lodge No. 1, your committee has examined the evidence and bill of exceptions presented and listened to the argument of counsel in behalf of the accused and also of the lodge; we are of the opinion that the trial was regularly had and properly conducted; that the accused brother had a fair and impartial hearing before his lodge; and that while some errors may appear in the record (if errors they are), such errors were without prejudice to the accused.

We find that there is sufficient evidence to sustain the action of the lodge. We therefore recommend that the action of the lodge in finding the accused brother guilty be sustained, and the sentence of expulsion be approved.

In the matter of the difference between Auburn Lodge No. 124 and Hiram Lodge No. 52, it appears that a suspended member of the latter visited the communications of the former. Auburn Lodge No. 124 lodged a complaint with Hiram Lodge No. 52, who referred it to Auburn

Lodge No. 124, itself waiving jurisdiction. Auburn Lodge No. 124 refused to try the charges, but insisted that Hiram Lodge No. 52 do so. The correspondence does not show that the charges made were ever formally accepted by the Master of either lodge. Hiram Lodge No. 52 wrote a letter to Auburn Lodge No. 124 saying that it waived jurisdiction. As the charges were not accepted by either lodge, it is recommended that Auburn Lodge No. 124 be advised to withdraw the charges or to accept the same, and proceed to trial, notifying Hiram Lodge No. 52 of their action thus taken.

As to the trouble between two brethren of Bradshaw Lodge No. 255, we recommend that the action of the Grand Master in attempting to adjust the difference be approved; and that if the trouble continues, that Bradshaw Lodge No. 255 be advised to restore peace and harmony among its members; and failing in this, that the Grand Master arrest its charter.

As to the trouble in Israel Lodge No. 187, it appears that the differences have assumed the form of a quarrel among the members as to which of two banks should be the depository of the lodge funds. As the Treasurer is the custodian, all the members should submit to any safe plan which he adopts; and we recommend that the matter be left to the incoming Grand Master to adjust as best he may.

Past Grand Master Thummel, assisted by Past Grand Master Mercer, installed all of the officers for the ensuing year, except the Grand Orator, who was absent, and authority was given to Northern Light Lodge No. 41, Stanton, to install this Grand Officer.

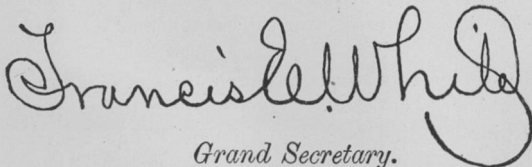
On motion of Past Grand Master Ehrhardt, thanks were extended to M. W. Harry A. Cheney, for his faithful and efficient service to the Grand Lodge, and to the Omaha lodges and the Masonic Temple Craft of Omaha for their generous hospitality during the session.

The report of the Committee on Pay-roll, presented by Brother Palmer, Jr., 255, and amounting to \$3,928.36, was adopted.

At half past four o'clock P. M., Wednesday, June 7th, 1911, no further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed.

HENRY GIBBONS,
Grand Master.

Attest:


Francis J. White
Grand Secretary.

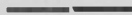


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Memory of

Charles K. Coutant,

GRAND MASTER, JUNE 18TH, 1886, TO JUNE 17TH, 1887.



Born February 2d, A. D. 1835, A. L. 5835.

Died August 23d, A. D. 1910, A. L. 5910.





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Memory of

Melville R. Hopewell,

GRAND MASTER, JUNE 7TH, 1905, TO JUNE 6TH, 1906.



Born March 27th, A. D. 1845, A.:L.: 5845.

Died May 2d, A.D. 1911, A.:L.: 5911.



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At Rest

NAME	LODGE	No.	DATE OF DEATH
NEWELL R. WILCOX.....	Nebraska,	1..	April 12, 1910
FRANK S. LAUGHLIN.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Aug. 16, 1910
THEODORE GRAPANGISER..	Nebraska,	"	1..Nov. 20, 1910
SAMUEL KLINE.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Nov. 27, 1910
JOHN R. SNYDER.....	Nebraska,	"	1..Jan. 23, 1911
THOMAS W. SHILLINGTON..	Nebraska,	"	1..Mar 8, 1911
JEREMIAH C. WILCOX.....	Capitol,	"	3..Febr. 5, 1908
JOHN HEELAN.....	Capitol,	"	3..July 29, 1910
JOSEPH PILANT.....	Capitol,	"	3..Aug. 28, 1910
ELMER E. BRYSON.....	Capitol,	"	3..Sept. 5, 1910
BENJAMIN L. BALDWIN....	Capitol,	"	3..Nov. 1, 1910
CHARLES M. JACOBSON....	Capitol,	"	3..Dec. 13, 1910
WILLIAM CLEBURNE.....	Capitol,	"	3..Dec. 14, 1910
JOHN B. KUONY.....	Capitol,	"	3..Jan. 17, 1911
GEORGE M. NATTINGER....	Capitol,	"	3..Mar. 9, 1911
THOMAS W. JOHN.....	Capitol,	"	3..Mar. 30, 1911
WILLIAM CHENEY.....	Omadi,	"	5..Jan. 29, 1911
COOK D. CRITCHFIELD....	Omadi,	"	5..Febr. 6, 1911
JOHN S. DUKE.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Aug. 22, 1910
WILLIAM L. PICKETT.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Sept. 15, 1910
ALVIN E. GASS.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Nov. 17, 1910
FRANCIS S. WHITE.....	Plattsmouth,	"	6..Jan. 7, 1911
JOHN J. TUCKER.....	Falls City,	"	9..April 21, 1910
JAMES R. REYNOLDS.....	Falls City,	"	9..Jan. 16, 1911
ROBERT BUICK.....	Covert,	"	11..June 6, 1910
WILLIAM H. STRAIGHT....	Covert,	"	11..June 24, 1910
CHARLES K. COUTANT.....	Covert,	"	11..Aug. 23, 1910
WILLIAM R. HOBBS.....	Covert,	"	11..Oct. 17, 1910
HARRY M. LEVINS.....	Covert,	"	11..Oct. 31, 1910
CHARLES E. STALLSMITH..	Covert,	"	11..Nov. 18, 1910
DANIEL A. COY.....	Covert,	"	11..Dec. 30, 1910
JOHN W. LEONARD.....	Covert,	"	11..Mar. 2, 1911
JOHN H. F. SCOTT.....	Peru,	"	14..May 10, 1910
STERLING P. GLASGOW....	Peru,	"	14..Dec. 1910
WILLIAM J. LAWTON.....	Fremont,	"	15..Sept. 29, 1909
CHRISTIAN F. HERRE.....	Fremont,	"	15..Sept. 18, 1910
NATHAN SAMPFER.....	Fremont,	"	15..Nov. 15, 1910
GEORGE B. FRENCH.....	Fremont,	"	25..Dec. 30, 1910
JOHN P. TOLAND.....	Tecumseh,	"	17..Sept. 20, 1910
DAVID I. BAILEY.....	Lincoln,	"	19..April 13, 1910
AUGUSTUS E. MOELLER....	Lincoln,	"	19..May 15, 1910
JAMES H. McQUIAD.....	Lincoln,	"	19..June 17, 1910
JAMES W. FROW.....	Lincoln,	"	19..July 16, 1910
JAMES M. EDMISTON.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Aug. 27, 1910
SYLVESTER S. ROYCE.....	Lincoln,	"	19..Dec. 21, 1910

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EDGAR S. DUDLEY.....	Lincoln,	" 19..Jan. 9, 1911
JOHN H. AMES.....	Lincoln,	" 19..Jan. 18, 1911
NATHAN FODREA.....	Lincoln,	" 19..Feb. 18, 1911
JAMES K. ROBINSON.....	Lincoln,	" 19..Feb. 24, 1911
FREDERICK W. KENNY, SR.	Washington,	" 21..Feb. 18, 1911
LEVI A. STEBBINS.....	Pawnee,	" 23..Apr. 13, 1910
JOHN W. TRACY.....	Pawnee,	" 23..Aug. 10, 1910
NATHANIEL S. CRUMP.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Jan. 9, 1909
WILLIAM J. RIMMERMAN..	St. Johns,	" 25..Apr. 5, 1910
THOMAS E. STACK.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Apr. 22, 1910
LOUIS H. RASE.....	St. Johns,	" 25..May 4, 1910
JOHN N. ISBERG.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Aug. 8, 1910
HARRY BURNAM.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Nov. 16, 1910
JAMES G. TAYLOR.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Jan. 24, 1911
FRANK SHAFFER.....	St. Johns,	" 25..Mar. 5, 1911
GILBERT L. COLE.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Sept. 4, 1910
NATHAN K. GRIGGS.....	Beatrice,	" 26..Sept. 4, 1910
NATHANIEL T. MOULTON..	Beatrice,	" 26..Sept. 29, 1910
JOHN S. STULL.....	Hope,	" 29..June 18, 1910
HIRAM SLAGLE.....	Hope,	" 29..Aug. 8, 1910
CHARLES F. ORMSBY.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..Dec. 30, 1910
FRED C. HUXALL.....	Platte Valley,	" 32..Jan. 2, 1911
WILLIAM L. KINGLETY....	Platte Valley,	" 32..Mar. 16, 1911
CLAIR A. EVANS.....	Ashlar,	" 33..Oct. 4, 1910
GEORGE LOAN, JR.....	Ashlar,	" 33..Febr. 21, 1911
FRED KROPF.....	Acacia,	" 34..Apr. 26, 1910
LEWIS BAUER.....	Fairbury,	" 35..
ELLIS J. PURCELL.....	Fairbury,	" 35..June 15, 1910
JOSEPH E. MENDENHALL..	Fairbury,	" 35..Oct. 7, 1910
GEORGE H. TURNER.....	Fairbury,	" 35..Dec. 31, 1910
ORVILLE C. HARRIS.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..Apr. 22, 1910
GEORGE D. BOCKES.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..July 27, 1910
CLARK NEWCOMER.....	Lone Tree,	" 36..Oct. 25, 1910
THOMAS BENTON HORD....	Lone Tree,	" 26..Dec. 24, 1910
HORACE M. WELLS.....	Crete,	" 37..Dec. 27, 1910
LEWIS G. CASTLE.....	Oliver,	" 38..June 8, 1910
JOSEPH E. McLAIN.....	Oliver,	" 38..July , 1910
SAMUEL H. WILLIAMSON..	Humboldt,	" 40..Jan. 4, 1911
PEHR HANSEN.....	Northern Light,	" 41..Sept. 24, 1910
WILLIAM L. BOWMAN.....	Northern Light,	" 41..Febr. 4, 1911
FRANCIS A. FROST.....	Northern Light,	" 41..Febr. 6, 1911
JAMES McKINSEY.....	Northern Light,	" 41..Mar. 24, 1911
JOHN W. MENDENHALL....	Hebron,	" 43..Apr. 11, 1908
JOHN B. SKINNER.....	Hebron,	" 43..Jan. 2, 1911
WILLIAM H. McMURPHY....	Hebron,	" 43..Mar. 16, 1911

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JOHN D. BAIN.....	Harvard,	" 44..Jan. 16, 1911
W. LEROY MACOMBER.....	Fairmont,	" 48..Febr. 21, 1911
JOHN L. RIGHTER.....	Hiram,	" 52..Dec. 18, 1910
RICHARD TURNER.....	Charity,	" 53..May 15, 1910
EDMUND B. SMITH.....	Charity,	" 53..Aug. 21, 1910
SYLVESTER DAY.....	Charity,	" 53..Jan. 6, 1911
ARCHIBALD A. SCOTT.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Sept. 22, 1910
WILLIAM M. OYLER.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Oct. 9, 1910
JOSEPH McGRAW.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Jan. 6, 1911
CLARENCE E. STANLEY.....	Lancaster,	" 54..Mar. 24, 1911
OLIVER BOND.....	Mosale,	" 55..Sept. 5, 1910
FRANK B. DAGGY.....	York,	" 56..May 9, 1910
DAVID R. MATHIESON.....	York,	" 56..May 20, 1910
WILLIAM D. MEAD.....	York,	" 56..July 3, 1910
HENRY SMITH.....	York,	" 56..Dec. 14, 1910
JOSHUA D. P. SMALL.....	York,	" 56..Jan. 4, 1911
JAMES ASHMORE.....	York,	" 56..Jan. 13, 1911
WILLIAM M. STRICKLER... York,		" 56..Febr. 13, 1911
HOWARD O. DAVIS.....	Mt. Moriah,	" 57..Dec. 22, 1910
HENRY JOHNSON.....	Wahoo,	" 59..May 20, 1910
HARMON GILKESON.....	Wahoo,	" 59..Febr. 12, 1911
FRANK R. SCHEEL.....	Wahoo,	" 59..Mar. 27, 1911
HERVEY T. FERGUSON....	Melrose,	" 60..Sept. 19, 1910
JAMES C. BARNES.....	Thistle,	" 61..Nov. 16, 1910
ANTON ABLE.....	Thistle,	" 61..Febr. 8, 1911
THEODORE L. WARRINGTON	Thistle,	" 61..Mar. 15, 1911
JOHN N. VAN DUYN.....	Blue Valley,	" 64..Dec. 13, 1910
JOSEPH H. GRIMM.....	Blue Valley,	" 64..Jan. 15, 1911
JAMES MATTHEWS.....	Osceola,	" 65..Jan. 14, 1911
HARVEY COLE.....	Aurora,	" 68..Apr. 4, 1910
CARL ROBEN.....	Trowel,	" 71..July 31, 1910
SAMUEL L. PHILLIPS.....	Friend,	" 73..Oct. 31, 1910
JAMES M. GRAHAM.....	Frank Welch,	" 75..Jan. 9, 1911
BENJAMIN B. MOZEE.....	Geneva,	" 79..Apr. 19, 1910
WILLIAM E. HOUCHIN.....	Geneva,	" 79..Aug. 2, 1910
NELSON T. HOLDERNESS...	Composite,	" 81..Febr. 1, 1911
OTTO PETERSON.....	St. Paul,	" 82..Sept. 28, 1910
RASMUS HANNIBAL.....	St. Paul,	" 82..
EDWARD J. JENKINS.....	Fairfield,	" 84..May 11, 1910
JAMES HART.....	Fairfield,	" 84..Dec. 2, 1910
SAMUEL REAVES.....	Tyre,	" 85..Oct. 5, 1910
LEONARD L. ILER.....	Cedar River,	" 89..Apr. 11, 1910
JOSEPH W. McCLELLAND...	Cedar River,	" 89..Aug. 15, 1910
VICTOR L. FRIED.....	Oakland,	" 91..Apr. 26, 1910
ALFRED LUNDVALL.....	Oakland,	" 91..Oct. 17, 1910

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WILLIAM F. HEYL.....	Oakland,	" 91..Oct. 31, 1910
JOSEPH W. GREENWOOD...	Beaver City,	" 93..Oct. 8, 1910
WILLIAM MURPHY.....	Beaver City,	" 93..Febr. 17, 1911
IRA LAPHAM.....	Garfield,	" 95..Dec. 9, 1910
WILLIAM KINKADE.....	Utica,	" 96..Dec. 20, 1910
CHARLES D. ALEXANDER..	Utica,	" 96..Mar. 3, 1911
DUNCAN S. DONEGAN.....	Euclid,	" 97..Jan. 18, 1911
HORACE A. HART.....	Euclid,	" 97..Febr. 24, 1911
EDWARD NEWTON.....	Ponca,	" 101..Dec. 30, 1910
LEWIS S. JONES.....	Ord,	" 103..Apr. 22, 1909
GEORGE T. HATHER.....	Ord,	" 103..Dec. 31, 1910
HARRISON F. VERNON.....	Wymore,	" 104..Jan. 20, 1911
JOSEPH A. W. HULL.....	Stella,	" 105..Febr. 7, 1911
JOHN M. TAYLOR.....	Porter,	" 106..June 8, 1910
DAVID C. PATTEE.....	Pomegranate,	" 110..Nov. 6, 1910
JOHN McLEOD.....	Pomegranate,	" 110..Mar. 5, 1911
WILLIAM H. STALEY.....	DeWitt,	" 111..Mar. 10, 1911
JOHN H. MILLS.....	Springfield,	" 112..Jan. 13, 1911
CHARLES M. MILLER.....	Harlan,	" 116..Febr. 2, 1911
ROBERT MURDOCK.....	Hardy,	" 117..Jan. 27, 1911
HENRY D. MACKPRANG....	North Bend,	" 119..May 8, 1910
DAVID C. MAIN.....	Wayne,	" 120..Apr. 5, 1910
MARK STRINGER.....	Wayne,	" 120..Oct. 28, 1910
JOHN D. KING.....	Wayne,	" 120..Jan. 26, 1911
EVERETT E. JOHNSTON....	Superior,	" 121..June 10, 1910
MOSES FURLONG.....	Auburn,	" 124..July 8, 1910
WILLIS C. IRISH.....	Mt. Nebo,	" 125..Dec. 13, 1910
GEORGE COMPARETT.....	Scribner,	" 132..Nov. 14, 1910
JOHN STEVENS.....	Rawalt,	" 138..Apr. 11, 1909
SILAS W. DANIELS.....	Rawalt,	" 138..Oct. 16, 1910
CHARLES H. GROSS.....	Western,	" 140..June 30, 1909
THEODORE M. WHEELER..	Western,	" 140..Apr. 27, 1910
THOMAS MARSHALL.....	Jachin,	" 146..May 10, 1910
WILLIAM H. COWGILL.....	Jachin,	" 146..Oct. 16, 1910
MICHAEL CONLEY.....	Emmet Crawford	" 148..July 15, 1910
CHARLES U. RICHARDSON..	Emmet Crawford	" 148..Dec. 3, 1910
THOMAS H. CLARK.....	Cambridge,	" 150..May 25, 1910
COLUMBUS F. McDONALD...	Evergreen,	" 153..Jan. 6, 1911
GEORGE BRADLEY.....	Lily,	" 154..Febr. 15, 1911
ARTHUR R. DICKEY.....	Pythagoras,	" 156..May 8, 1910
JOHN H. BRODERICK.....	Samaritan,	" 158..Apr. 10, 1910
WARD B. SMITH.....	Ogalalla,	" 159..Mar. 20, 1911
EDWARD M. PERRY.....	Trestle Board,	" 162..Oct. 7, 1910
FRANK G. RECKNER.....	Atkinson,	" 164..Oct. 15, 1910
WILLIAM CHAMBERS.....	Elwood,	" 167..Nov. 15, 1910

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WILLIAM H. McCOWIN.....	Curtis,	" 168..Dec. 13, 1910
SIMON RIGBY.....	Gladstone,	" 176..Mar. 22, 1911
WALTER C. BROWN.....	Hay Springs,	" 177..Jan. 26, 1911
JAMES B. WHITE.....	Prudence,	" 179..Febr. 11, 1911
FRANK ISREAL.....	Justice,	" 180..June 2, 1910
LEE L. WEST.....	Justice,	" 180..Sept. 28, 1910
JULIAN E. PHINNEY.....	Faith,	" 181..Oct. , 1910
NIELS RASMUSSEN.....	Faith,	" 181..Mar. 14, 1911
RYLAND L. CLEMONS.....	Incense,	" 182..Aug. 29, 1910
FRED KULPER.....	Alliance,	" 183..Apr. 26, 1910
FRANCIS B. BURNES.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..June 22, 1910
ALLEN I. JEWETT.....	Bee Hive,	" 184..Febr. 5, 1911
HIRAM A. CREEKPAUM.....	Israel,	" 187..Febr. 6, 1911
JOHN W. BIRNEY.....	Meridian,	" 188..Aug. 27, 1910
ARCHIE R. MUNNS.....	Meridian,	" 188..Dec. 30, 1910
ROBERT H. HARDIE.....	Granite,	" 159..June 29, 1910
MAYNARD O. REYNOLDS....	Granite,	" 189..Aug. , 1910
WILLIAM A. RODGERS.....	Granite,	" 189..Febr. 26, 1911
ALBERT L. TOWLE.....	Minnekadusa,	" 192..July 8, 1910
WILLIAM T. BULLIS.....	Minnekadusa,	" 192..Oct. 28, 1910
WILLIAM H. KELLY.....	Purity,	" 198..Mar. 28, 1911
JOHN A. FURR.....	Purity,	" 198..Mar. 30, 1911
SETH RAYMOND.....	Scotts Bluff,	" 201..June 8, 1910
GEORGE W. HITCHENS.....	Plainview,	" 204..Jan. 6, 1911
HARRY C. WALLIS.....	East Lincoln,	" 210..Aug. 11, 1910
EDWARD L. BEACHLEY.....	East Lincoln,	" 210..Aug. 30, 1910
JAMES JACKSON.....	Cement,	" 211..Dec. 22, 1910
WILLARD J. CLARK.....	Square & Com.	" 213..Nov. 7, 1910
ALBERT ALLEN.....	Occidental,	" 216..Jan. 27, 1911
WILLIAM M. HALL.....	Bloomfield,	" 218..Febr. 19, 1911
JOHN T. PETTYS.....	Grace,	" 226..Oct. 10, 1910
GEORGE F. BURKETT.....	North Star,	" 227..July 23, 1910
JABEZ CHARLES.....	John S. Bowen,	" 232..Jan. 24, 1911
FREDERIC G. MASON.....	Zion,	" 234..Sept. 20, 1910
JOHN S. YOUNG.....	Cubit,	" 237..Dec. 10, 1910
GEORGE M. HOPKINS.....	Friendship,	" 239..Jan. , 1911
WALTER C. FREEMAN.....	George Armstrong	241..July 15, 1910
CHRISTIAN J. CHRISTIANSON	Hampton,	" 245..Sept. 15, 1910
MARTIN HANSEN.....	Hampton,	" 245..Febr. 25, 1911
EDWARD F. DODD.....	Bassett,	" 254..Dec. 29, 1910
JOHN W. OKER.....	Franklin,	" 264..Aug. 23, 1910
ROSCOE A. DUNAWAY.....	James A. Tulleys,	267..Apr. 6, 1910
EDWARD V. LEWIS.....	Geo. W. Lininger,	268..July 5, 1910

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Robert C. Jordan.....	1857-58-59
*George Armstrong.....	1860-61-62
Daniel H. Wheeler, Omaha, 559 South 26th Ave.....	1863-64
*Robert W. Furnas.....	1865-66
*Orsamus H. Irish.....	1867-68
Harry P. Deuel, Omaha, 1902 Dodge Street.....	1869-70
William E. Hill, Los Angeles, Cal., 2220 East 4th Street, Station B.....	1871-72
Martin Dunham, Omaha, 818 South 33d Street.....	1873
*Frank Welch.....	1874
*Alfred G. Hastings.....	1875
George H. Thummel, Omaha, Post Office Building.....	1876
*George W. Lininger.....	1877
Edward K. Valentine, Chicago, Illinois, 103 E. 51st St.....	1878
*Rolland H. Oakley.....	1879
*James A. Tulleys.....	1880
James R. Cain, Sr., Falls City.....	1881
Edwin F. Warren, Nebraska City.....	1882
Samuel W. Hayes, Norfolk.....	1883
John J. Wemple, Cleveland, Ohio, 97 Bell Avenue.....	1884
Manoah B. Reese, Lincoln.....	1885
*Charles K. Coutant.....	1886
Milton J. Hull, Washington, D. C., Winder Bldg., Treasury Dept.....	1887
George B. France, York.....	1888
John J. Mercer, Omaha, 2811 Hickory Street.....	1889
Robert E. French, Kearney.....	1890
*Bradner D. Slaughter.....	1891
Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh.....	1892
James P. A. Black, Hastings.....	1893
John A. Ehrhardt, Stanton.....	1894
Henry H. Wilson, Lincoln.....	1895
Charles J. Phelps, Schuyler.....	1896
John B. Dinsmore, Sutton.....	1897
Frank H. Young, Broken Bow.....	1898
William W. Keysor, Kirkwood, Missouri.....	1899
Albert W. Crites, Chadron.....	1900
Robert E. Evans, Dakota City.....	1901
Nathaniel M. Ayers, Oaks, Oklahoma.....	1902
Frank E. Bullard, North Platte.....	1903
Charles E. Burnham, Norfolk.....	1904
*Melville R. Hopewell.....	1905
Zuingle M. Baird, Hartington.....	1906
Ornan J. King, Lincoln, 1126 N Street.....	1907
William A. DeBord, Omaha, 520 First National Bank Bldg.....	1908
Michael Dowling, Omaha, 1322 South 31st Street.....	1909
Harry A. Cheney, Creighton.....	1910

*Deceased.

LIST OF GRAND LODGES AND THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE GRAND SECRETARIES.

GRAND LODGE	GRAND SECRETARY	ADDRESS
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Alberta	George Macdonald	Calgary.
Arizona	George J. Roskruge	Tucson.
Arkansas	Fay Hempstead	Little Rock.
British Columbia	Wm. A. DeWolf Smith	New Westminster.
California	John Whicher	412 Hewes Bldg. San Francisco.
Canada	Ralph L. Gunn	Hamilton, Ontario.
Colorado	Charles H. Jacobson	Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut	Frank W. Havens	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica	E. de Mezerville	Casilla No. 308. San Jose.
Cuba	Carlos G. Charles Y. Hunter	Apartado 72, Havana.
Delaware	Virginius V. Harrison	Wilmington.
District Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston	Masonic Temple, Washington.
Egypt	Athanase C. Garafollo	P. O. Box 148, Cairo.
England	Edward Letchworth	Freemasons Hall, London.
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville.
Georgia	William A. Wolihin	Macon.
Idaho	Theophilus W. Randall	Boise.
Illinois	Isaac Cutter	Camp Point.
Indiana	Calvin W. Prather	Indianapolis.
Iowa	Newton R. Parvin	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland	Henry E. Flavelle, Deputy.	Freemasons Hall, Dublin.
Kansas	Albert K. Wilson	Topeka.
Kentucky	Henry B. Grant	Louisville.
Louisiana	Richard Lambert	Masonic Temple, New Orleans.
Maine	Stephen Berry	Portland.
Manitoba	James A. Ovas	Winnipeg.
Maryland	George Cook	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts	Thomas W. Davis	Masonic Temple, Boston.
Michigan	Lou B. Winsor	Reed City.
Minnesota	John Fishel	Masonic Temple, St. Paul.
Mississippi	Frederic G. Speed	Vicksburg.
Missouri	John R. Parson	510 Pine St., St. Louis.
Montana	Cornelius Hedges, Jr.	Helena.
Nebraska	Francis E. White	1608 Capitol Ave., Omaha.
Nevada	Edward D. Vanderlieth	Carson.
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	Ritchie's Bldg., St. John.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord.
New Jersey	Benjamin F. Wakefield	Trenton.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque. [Sydney.
New South Wales	Arthur H. Bray	Masonic Hall, 283 Castlereagh St.,
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	Masonic Hall, New York.
New Zealand	Malcolm Niccol	Panama St., Wellington.
North Carolina	John C. Drewry	Raleigh.
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo.
Nova Scotia	Thomas Mowbray	Freemasons Hall, Halifax.
Ohio	Jacob H. Bromwell	Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma	William M. Anderson	Masonic Temple, Oklahoma City.
Oregon	James F. Robinson	388 Yamhill St., Portland.
Pennsylvania	William A. Sinn	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Prince Edward Is	W. P. Doull	Charlottetown.
Quebec	Will H. Whyte	Montreal. P. O. Box 3207.
Queensland	Charles H. Harley	231 Elizabeth St., Brisbane.
Rhode Island	S. Penrose Williams	Freemasons Hall, Providence.
Saskatchewan	John M. Shaw	Masonic Temple, Regina.
Scotland	David Reid	Freemasons Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh.
South Australia	Charles R. J. Glover	Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide.
South Carolina	Walter M. Whitehead	Columbia.
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls.
Tasmania	John Hamilton	Hobart.
Tennessee	John B. Garrett	Nashville.
Texas	John Watson	Waco.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Henry H. Ross	Burlington. [Melbourne.
Victoria	Charles J. Barron	Freemasons Hall, 25 Collins St.,
Virginia	George W. Carrington	Richmond.
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Masonic Temple, Tacoma.
Western Australia	J. D. Stevenson	Freemasons Hall, Perth.
West Virginia	Hiram R. Howard	Point Pleasant.
Wisconsin	William W. Perry	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	William L. Kuykendall	Saratoga.

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND LODGES NEAR THE GRAND
LODGE OF NEBRASKA.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama	Alpha Morgan, 148	Broken Bow	July 25, 1903
Alberta	Homer R. Hatfield, 56	Grand Island	Aug. 4, 1908
Arizona	Charles E. Gallagher, 251	Wansa	Aug. 22, 1906
Arkansas	Samuel W. Hayes, 55	Norfolk	Mar. 6, 1878
Brt. Columbia	Thomas M. Davis, 93	Beaver City	April 10, 1908
Canada	Orin A. H. Bruce, 100	Creighton	Oct. 11, 1910
Colorado	Charles J. Phelps, 34	Schuyler	Oct. 8, 1890
Connecticut	Samuel P. Davidson, 17	Tecumseh	Oct. 10, 1889
Cuba	Charles W. Kraft, 54	Lincoln	Aug. 17, 1904
Delaware	Carroll D. Evans, 58	Columbus	Aug. 3, 1900
Dist. Columbia	Ernest H. James, 1	Omaha	May 18, 1909
Egypt	Harry A. Cheney, 100	Creighton	Sept. 12, 1907
England	Frank E. Bullard, 32	North Platte	Feb. 18, 1908
Florida	Julius Beckman, 15	Fremont	Sept. 27, 1899
Georgia	Edwin F. Warren, 2	Nebraska City	Mar. 31, 1883
Idaho	Fred A. Howe, 119	North Bend	Nov. 2, 1909
Illinois	George H. Thummel, 33	Omaha	Mar. 14, 1892
Indiana	Harry P. Denel, 11	Omaha	Nov. 8, 1890
Ireland	Henry Gibbons, 46	Kearney	June, 10, 1911
Kansas	James P. A. Black, 50	Hastings	Nov. 21, 1893
Louisiana	Robert E. Evans, 5	Dakota City	Aug. 9, 1904
Maine	Thomas K. Sudborough, 25	Omaha	Oct. 15, 1890
Manitoba	Elias W. Beghtol, 146	Holdrege	May 7, 1903
Maryland	Chas. L. Fahnstock, 135	McCook	Mar. 8, 1911
Michigan	Daniel H. Wheeler, 1	Omaha	Jan. 1, 1903
Minnesota	George A. Beecher, 268	Kearney	Mar. 17, 1904
Mississippi	John M. Burks, 19	Lincoln	Dec. 31, 1889
Missouri	George B. France, 56	York	June 25, 1888
Montana	John J. Mercer, 3	Omaha	Oct. 19, 1899
Nevada	John B. Dinsmore, 49	Sutton	Sept. 6, 1899
New Brunswick	Frederic E. Tibbetts, 54	Lincoln	July 16, 1900
New Hampshire	Frederic L. Temple, 61	Lexington	Oct. 11, 1910
New Jersey	James R. Cain, Sr., 9	Falls City	Sept. 24, 1878
New South Wales	Frederick M. Weitzel, 78	Albion	July 26, 1905
New York	William A. DeBord, 3	Omaha	Jan. 31, 1907
New Zealand	Frank E. Ward, 31	Tekamah	July 22, 1905
North Carolina	Walter M. Hopewell, 31	Tekamah	June 8, 1911
North Dakota	John A. Ehrhardt, 41	Stanton	Aug. 1, 1890
Nova Scotia	Henry H. Wilson, 19	Lincoln	Feb. 26, 1892
Ohio	George W. Little, 240	Lyons	June 23, 1905
Oklahoma	Zuingle M. Baird, 155	Hartington	Aug. 19, 1909
Oregon	William T. Bourke, 268	Omaha	May 18, 1909
P. Edward Isl'd	Charles E. Burnham, 166	Norfolk	Oct. 21, 1902
Quebec	James Tyler, 19	Lincoln	July 26, 1901
Queensland	Velosco V. Leonard, 6	Plattsmouth	Mar. 31, 1909
Rhode Island	Michael Dowling, 119	Omaha	July 30, 1903
Saskatchewan	Claude L. Talbot, 184	South Omaha	July 3, 1908
South Australia	*Samuel S. Whiting	Lincoln	
South Carolina	James R. Cain, Jr., 105	Stella	July 12, 1907
South Dakota	Manoah B. Reese, 19	Lincoln	Mar. 30, 1885
Tennessee	Francis E. White, 6	Omaha	Mar. 12, 1900
Texas	Martin Dunham, 3	Omaha	Feb. 22, 1876
Utah	Robert E. French, 46	Omaha	May 4, 1888
Vermont	Frank H. Young, 207	Kearney	Oct. 21, 1899
Victoria	John S. Bishop, 54	Broken Bow	Feb. 19, 1904
Virginia	John S. Davison, 136	Lincoln	July 14, 1900
Washington	Andrew H. Viele, 55	Long Pine	Oct. 10, 1910
West Australia	Ornan J. King, 54	Norfolk	Sept. 26, 1904
West Virginia	Frank M. Knight, 183	Lincoln	July 3, 1900
Wisconsin	Albert W. Crites, 158	Alliance	Aug. 3, 1904
		Chadron	

*Recommended for appointment.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEBRASKA NEAR OTHER GRAND LODGES.

GRAND LODGE	REPRESENTATIVE	ADDRESS	DATE OF APPOINTMENT
Alabama.....	Lawrence H. Lee.....	Montgomery.....	July 30, 1909
Alberta.....	Percy Taylor.....	High River.....	Jan. 13, 1908
Arizona.....	Alonzo Bailey.....	Globe.....	June 6, 1892
Arkansas.....	Lewis C. Hall.....	Dardanelle.....	Feb. 15, 1911
Brit. Columbia.....	Edward B. Paul.....	Victoria.....	Oct. 26, 1903
Canada.....	Frederick W. Harcourt.....	Toronto.....	April 15, 1907
Colorado.....	Edward P. Hufferd.....	Colorado Springs.....	Aug. 12, 1905
Connecticut.....	Reuben H. Tucker.....	Ansonia.....	Dec. 4, 1894
Cuba.....	Manuel S. Castellanos.....	Havana.....	
		Santidad del Puerto.....	Feb. 4, 1904
Delaware.....	Harry J. Guthrie.....	Wilmington.....	Oct. 17, 1894
Dist. Columbia.....	William T. Hastings.....	Washington, 905 B St. N. E.....	Aug. 26, 1907
Egypt.....	Michael Bey Saleh.....	Cairo.....	April 3, 1905
Florida.....	William M. Cannon.....	Palatka.....	April 11, 1910
Georgia.....	Isaac R. Bush.....	Camilla.....	Oct. 11, 1910
Idaho.....	Richard K. Lessey.....	Albion.....	Feb. 10, 1908
Illinois.....	Albert Jampolls.....	Chicago.....	Dec. 1, 1906
Indiana.....	Omar B. Smith.....	Rochester.....	Sept. 16, 1908
Ireland.....	John Gordon.....	Dublin.....	June 28, 1899
Kansas.....	Charles E. Cory.....	Fort Scott.....	Nov. 17, 1893
Louisiana.....	Adolph G. Ricks.....	New Orleans.....	Sept. 14, 1901
Maine.....	Edwin A. Porter.....	Pittsfield.....	Aug. 9, 1902
Manitoba.....	Richard Dennis Foley.....	Winnipeg, 232 Spence St.....	Nov. 13, 1890
Maryland.....	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore.....	
		Masonic Temple.....	Mar. 25, 1893
Michigan.....	Frank W. Richey.....	Dowagiac.....	Feb. 23, 1907
Minnesota.....	Alfred G. Pinkham.....	St. Paul.....	April 7, 1906
Mississippi.....	James F. McCool.....	Kosciusko.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Missouri.....	Charles F. Vogel.....	St. Louis, 624 Chestnut St.....	April 4, 1892
Montana.....	Henry M. Parchen.....	Helena.....	Mar. 18, 1892
Nevada.....	Pearl E. Keller.....	Tonopha.....	Nov. 22, 1910
New Brunswick.....	William Wedderburn.....	Hampton.....	Jan. 1, 1875
New Hampshire.....	Arthur S. Bunton.....	Manchester.....	Feb. 10, 1908
New Jersey.....	Theodore B. Townley.....	Elizabeth.....	Sept. 14, 1908
New So. Wales.....	Frederick A. Banks.....	Glebe Point, Sydney.....	Aug. 25, 1905
New York.....	Thomas Leary.....	Ossining, 160 Main St.....	Mar. 17, 1911
New Zealand.....	Oliver Nicholson.....	Auckland.....	Feb. 14, 1903
North Carolina.....	Will X. Coley.....	Raleigh.....	July 20, 1908
North Dakota.....	James B. Coolidge.....	Leeds.....	June 15, 1911
Nova Scotia.....	Marston Gullod.....	Parrsborough.....	July 16, 1902
Ohio.....	Horace A. Irvin.....	Dayton.....	Jan. 8, 1903
Oklahoma.....	DeForest D. Leach.....	Oklahoma City.....	Aug. 3, 1909
Oregon.....	Phil Metschan.....	Portland.....	May 22, 1893
P. Edward Isl'd.....	James D. Stewart.....	Georgetown.....	Mar. 23, 1910
Quebec.....	William M. Le Mesurier.....	Montreal.....	Oct. 31, 1889
Queensland.....	Ernest W. Bick.....	Brisbane.....	May 10, 1909
Rhode Island.....	Henry C. Dexter.....	Pawtucket.....	May 21, 1909
Saskatchewan.....	Alfred F. Fugl.....	Lloydminster.....	July 6, 1908
South Australia.....	Frank Ernest Haddrick.....	Adelaide.....	June 9, 1910
South Carolina.....	Augustine T. Smythe.....	Charleston.....	Feb. 20, 1892
South Dakota.....	Marshall R. Brown.....	Sioux Falls.....	Aug. 6, 1908
Tennessee.....	Isaac J. Thurman.....	McWinnville.....	April 19, 1899
Texas.....	James D. Greshaw.....	San Antonio.....	Dec. 3, 1901
Utah.....	Abbot R. Haywood.....	Ogden.....	Feb. 20, 1892
Vermont.....	Edward C. Woodworth.....	Arlington.....	Aug. 9, 1907
Victoria.....	Francis W. W. Morton.....	Melbourne, Collins St.....	Jan. 1, 1904
Virginia.....	Sol Cutchins.....	Richmond.....	April 20, 1901
Washington.....	Archibald W. Frazer.....	Seattle.....	April 13, 1900
West Australia.....	Thomas William Paisley.....	Bunbury.....	July 19, 1902
West Virginia.....	Charles E. Bailey.....	Sistersville.....	June 17, 1910
Wisconsin.....	Frank E. Noyes.....	Marinette.....	Dec. 23, 1904

NEBRASKA LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED

- Acacia, 34.
 Adams, U. D. ., (extinct)
 Adoniram, 169.
 Ainsworth, U. D. ., (131)
 Albion, 78.
 Alexandria, 74.
 Allen, U. D. ., (236)
 Alliance, 183.
 Amethyst, 190.
 Amity, 169.
 Anchor, 142, (extinct)
 Anselmo, 258.
 Antelope, 276.
 Arapahoe, 109, (extinct)
 Arcana, 195.
 Ark and Anchor, 131, (ext.)
 Armada, U. D. ., (extinct)
 Ashland, 18, (extinct)
 Ashlar, 33.
 Atkinson, 164.
 Auburn, 124.
 Aurora, 68.
 Bancroft, 145.
 Bannack City, U. D. ., (ext.)
 Barneston, 165.
 Bartley, 228.
 Bassett, 254.
 Battle Creek, U. D. ., (ext.)
 Beatrice, 26.
 Beaver, U. D. ., (179)
 Beaver City, 93.
 Beaver Valley, U. D. ., (220)
 Bee, 259.
 Bee Hive, 184.
 Belgrade, U. D. ., (269)
 Bell Creek, U. D. ., (241)
 Benkelman, U. D. ., (180)
 Beemer, 253.
 Bennet, 94.
 Blazing Star, 200.
 Bloomfield, 218.
 Blue Hill, 129.
 Blue River, 30.
 Blue Springs, U. D. ., (85)
 Blue Valley, 64.
 Boaz, 185.
 Bradshaw, 255.
 Brainard, 115, (extinct)
 Bromfield, U. D. ., (ext.)
 Bromfield, U. D. ., (223)
 Burchard, U. D. ., (137)
 Burnett, U. D. ., (166)
 Butte, U. D. ., (233)
 Cable, 225.
 Cambridge, 150.
 Canopy, 209.
 Carleton, U. D. ., (199)
 Capitol, 3.
 Cedar, U. D. ., (13)
 Cedar Bluffs, U. D. ., (215)
 Cedar Rapids, U. D. ., (143)
 Cedar River, 89.
 Cement, 211.
 Central City, U. D. ., (ext.)
 Ceresco, U. D. ., (229)
 Chadron, U. D. ., (158)
 Chapman, U. D. ., (239)
 Charity, 53.
 Clay Centre, 139.
 Columbus, U. D. ., (ext.)
 Columbus, U. D. ., (58)
 Columbus, 8, (extinct)
 Comet, 229.
 Compass and Square, 212.
 Composite, 81.
 Corinthian, 83.
 Corner-stone, 247.
 Covert, 11.
 Crab Orchard, U. D. ., (238)
 Crawford, U. D. ., (181)
 Creighton, 100.
 Crescent, 143.
 Crete, 37.
 Crofton, 273.
 Crystal, 191.
 Cubit, 237.
 Culbertson, 174.
 Cumming City, U. D. ., (21)
 Custer, U. D. ., (148)
 Curtis, 168.
 Dakota, (5)
 Danbury, U. D. ., (185)
 Davenport, U. D. ., (154)
 Decatur, 7, (extinct)
 Delta, 230.
 DeWitt, 111.
 Doniphan, 86.
 Doric, 118.
 Douglas, U. D. ., (237)
 East Lincoln, 210.
 Edgar, 67.
 Elk Creek, 90.
 Elm Creek, 133.
 Elwood, 167.
 Eminence, 223.
 Emmet Crawford, 148.
 Endeavor, 262.
 Euclid, 97.
 Eureka, 16, (extinct)
 Evening Star, 49.
 Evergreen, 153.
 Ewing, U. D. ., (156)
 Exeter, U. D. ., (extinct)
 Fairbury, 35.
 Fairfield, 84.
 Fairmont, 48.
 Faith, 181.
 Falls City, 9.
 Fidelity, 51.
 Firth, U. D. ., (66, ext.)
 Fortitude, 69, (extinct)
 Franklin, 264.
 Frank Welch, 75.
 Fraternity, 235.
 Fremont, 15.
 Friend, 73.
 Friendship, 239.
 Garfield, 95.
 Gauge, 208.
 Gavel, 199.
 Geneva, 79.
 Genoa, U. D. ., (125)
 George Armstrong, 241.
 George Washington, 250.
 George W. Lininger, 268.
 Gibbon, (see 46)
 Gibbon, U. D. ., (189)
 Giddings, 2.
 Gilead, 233.
 Gladstone, 176.
 Globe, 113.
 Golden Fleece, 205.
 Golden Rule, 236.
 Golden Sheaf, 202.
 Gothenburg, 249.
 Grace, 226.
 Grafton, 172.
 Grant, U. D. ., (34)
 Grant, U. D. ., (186)
 Granite, 189.
 Greenwood, U. D. ., (163)
 Gresham, U. D. ., (197)
 Guide Rock, 128.
 Hamilton, U. D. ., (68)
 Hampton, 245.
 Hardy, 117.
 Harlan, 116.
 Harmony, U. D. ., (extinct)
 Harmony, U. D. ., (extinct)
 Hartington, 155.
 Harvard, 44.
 Hastings, 50.
 Hay Springs, 177.
 Hebron, 43.
 Hermon, U. D. ., (231)
 Hesperia, 178, (extinct)
 Hickman, 256.
 Highland, 194.
 Hildreth, 252.
 Hillsdale, U. D. ., (29)
 Hiram, 52.
 Holbrook, 257.
 Holdrege, U. D. ., (146)
 Hooper, 72.
 Hope, 29.
 Hubbell, 92.
 Humboldt, 40.
 Huntley, 270.
 Hyannis, U. D. ., (234)
 Idaho, U. D. ., (extinct)
 Imperial, U. D. ., (198)
 Incense, 182.
 Indianola, 123, (extinct)
 Ionic, 87.
 Israel, 187.
 Ithmar, 238, (extinct)
 Jachin, 146.
 James A. Tulley, 267.
 Jasper, 122, (extinct)
 Jephtha, U. D. ., (264)
 Jewel, 149.
 John S. Bowen, 232.
 Johnson, U. D. ., (141, ext.)
 Joppa, 76.
 Jordan, 27.
 Juniata, 42.
 Justice, 180.
 Kenesaw, 144.
 Keystone, 62.
 Lafayette, 24, (extinct)
 Lancaster, 54.
 Landmark, 222.
 Laurel, 248.
 Lebanon, 58.

- Lee P. Gillette, 272.
 Leigh, U. D., (193)
 Level, 196.
 Liberty, U. D., (152)
 Lily, 154.
 Lincoln, 19.
 Litchfield, 278.
 Livingstone, 66, (extinct)
 Lone Tree, 36.
 Long Pine, 136.
 Loup Fork, U. D., (8, ext.)
 Mackey, U. D., (242)
 Macoy, 22, (extinct)
 Magic City, U. D., (184)
 Magnolia, 220.
 Mason City, 170.
 McCook, 136.
 Melrose, 60.
 Meridian, 188.
 Merna, 171.
 Minden, 127.
 Minnekadusa, 192.
 Mitchell, 263.
 Monitor, U. D., (extinct)
 Morning Star, 197.
 Morrill, U. D., (271)
 Mosaic, 55.
 Mount Hermon, 231.
 Mount Moriah, 57.
 Mount Nebo, 125.
 Mount Zion, 161.
 Mystic Tie, 166.
 Napthali, 206.
 Nebraska, 1.
 Nebraska City, 12, (extinct)
 Nehawka, 246.
 Nelson, 77.
 Nemaha Valley, 4.
 Norfolk, U. D., (55)
 North Bend, 119.
 North Loup, U. D., (142, ext.)
 Northern Light, 41.
 North Star, 227.
 Oakland, 91.
 Oasis, 271.
 Occidental, 215.
 Odell, U. D., (122, ext.)
 Ogalalla, 159.
 Ohio, U. D., (182)
 Olive Branch, 274.
 Oliver, 38.
 Omadi, 5.
 Ord, 103.
 Orient, 13.
 Orion, 242, (extinct)
 Ornan, 261.
 Osceola, 65.
 Overton, U. D., (267)
 Oxford, U. D., (138)
 Palestine, U. D., (extinct)
 Palisade, 216.
 Palmyra, 45, (extinct)
 Papillion, 39.
 Paralle, 152.
 Parian, 207.
 Pawnee, 23.
 Pawnee City, U. D., (23)
 Peru, U. D., (extinct)
 Peru, 14.
 Pilot, 240.
 Plainview, 204.
 Platte Valley, 32.
 Plattsmouth, 6.
 Plumb, 186, (extinct)
 Plumblin, 214.
 Pomegranate, 110.
 Ponca, 101.
 Porter, 106.
 Prudence, 179.
 Purity, 198.
 Pythagoras, 156.
 Ramah, 275.
 Rawalt, 138.
 Relief, 219.
 Republican, 98.
 Reynolds, U. D., (160)
 Rising, U. D., (81)
 Rising Star, U. D., (20 ext.)
 Riverside, 269.
 Riverton, 63.
 Robert Burns, 173.
 Robert W. Furnas, 265.
 Rob Morris, 46.
 Rock Bluff, 20, (extinct)
 Rocky Mountain, 8, (trans-
 ferred)
 Roman Eagle, 203.
 Saint Johns, 25.
 Saint Paul, 82.
 Salem, 47, (extinct)
 Saline, U. D., (73)
 Saline, U. D., (101)
 Saline, U. D., (118)
 Samaritan, 158.
 Scotia, U. D., (191)
 Scotts Bluff, 201.
 Scribner, 132.
 Seward, U. D., (38)
 Shelby, U. D., (161)
 Shelton, 99.
 Shickley, U. D., (178, ext.)
 Signet, 193.
 Siloam, 147.
 Silver, 266.
 Silver Cord, 224.
 Silver Creek, U. D., (ext.)
 Sincerity, 244.
 Sioux, 277.
 Solar, 134.
 Solomon, 10.
 Springfield, 112.
 Springview, 260.
 Square, 151.
 Square and Compass, 213.
 Stanton, U. D., (41)
 Star, 88.
 Steele City, 107, (extinct)
 Stella, 105.
 Sterling, 70.
 Stockville, U. D., (196)
 Stromsburg, 126.
 Summit, 7, (transferred)
 Summit, 141, (extinct)
 Superior, 121.
 Syracuse, U. D., (57)
 Table Rock, 108.
 Talmage, U. D., (162)
 Tecumseh, 17.
 Tekamah, 31.
 Temple, U. D., (5)
 Temple, 175.
 Thistle, 61.
 Tobias, U. D., (149)
 Trenton, U. D., (extinct)
 Trestle Board, 162.
 Trilumular, U. D., (210)
 Trowel, 71.
 Tuscan, 130.
 Tyre, 85.
 Tyrian, 243.
 Ulysses, U. D., (187)
 Unity, 163.
 Upright, 137.
 Utica, 96.
 Valentine, U. D., (113)
 Valley, 157.
 Valparaiso, U. D., (151)
 Waco, 80, (extinct)
 Wahoo, 59.
 Washington, 21.
 Waterloo, 102.
 Wauneta, 217.
 Wausa, 251.
 Wayne, 120.
 Weeping Water, U. D., (97)
 Western, 140.
 Western Star, 2.
 Wilcox, U. D., (226)
 Winside, U. D., (235)
 Winter Creek, U. D., (265)
 Wisner, 114.
 Wood Lake, 221.
 Wymore, 104.
 Wyoming, 28, (transferred)
 York, 56.
 Zeredatha, U. D., (98)
 Zeredatha, 160.
 Zion, 234.

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- Adams, 214.
Ainsworth, 224.
Albion, 78.
Alexandria, 74.
Allen, 236.
Alliance, 183.
Alma, 116.
Anselmo, 258.
Ansley, 176.
Arcadia, 208.
Arlington, 52.
Arnold, 225.
Ashland, 110.
Atkinson, 164.
Auburn, 124.
Aurora, 68.
- Bancroft, 145.
Barneston, 165.
Bartley, 228.
Bassett, 254.
Battle Creek, 244.
Beatrice, 26.
Beaver City, 93.
Beaver Crossing, 179.
Bee, 259.
Beemer, 253.
Belgrade, 269.
Benkelman, 180.
Bennett, 94.
Bertrand, 275.
Blair, 21.
Bloomfield, 218.
Bloomington, 76.
Blue Hill, 129.
Blue Springs, 85.
Bradshaw, 255.
Brock, 162.
Broken Bow, 148.
Brownville, 4.
Burchard, 137.
Burwell, 200.
Butte, 233.
- Callaway, 207.
Cambridge, 150.
Carleton, 199.
Cedar Bluffs, 215.
Cedar Rapids, 143.
Central City, 36.
Ceresco, 229.
Chadron, 158.
Chapman, 239.
Chappell, 205.
Clarks, 134.
Clay Centre, 139.
Coleridge, 219.
Columbus, 58.
Cook, 231.
Cortland, 194.
Cozad, 188.
Craig, 241.
Crawford, 181.
Creighton, 100.
Crete, 37.
Crofton, 273.
Culbertson, 174.
Curtis, 168.
- Dakota City, 5.
Danbury, 185.
Davenport, 154.
David City, 51.
Decatur, 88.
DeWitt, 111.
Diller, 206.
Doniphan, 86.
Dorchester, 118.
Douglas, 237.
Dunbar, 272.
- Edgar, 67.
Elgin, 276.
Elk Creek, 90.
Elm Creek, 133.
Elmwood, 209.
Elwood, 167.
Emerson, 220.
Ewing, 156.
- Fairbury, 35.
Fairfield, 84.
Fairmont, 48.
Falls City, 9.
Fillley, 175.
Fort Calhoun, 10.
Franklin, 264.
Fremont, 15.
Friend, 73.
Fullerton, 89.
- Gandy, 190.
Geneva, 79.
Genoa, 125.
Gering, 201.
Gibbon, 189.
Giltner, 223.
Gordon, 195.
Gothenburg, 249.
Grafton, 172.
Grand Island, 33.
Greenwood, 163.
Gresham, 197.
Guide Rock, 128.
- Hampton, 245.
Hardy, 117.
Harrison, 277.
Hartington, 155.
Harvard, 44.
Hastings, 50.
Havelock, 250.
Hay Springs, 177.
Hebron, 43.
Herman, 222.
Hickman, 256.
Hildreth, 252.
Holbrook, 257.
Holdrege, 146.
Hooper, 72.
Hubbell, 92.
Humboldt, 40.
Huntley, 270.
Hyannis, 234.
- Imperial, 198.
Indianola, 262.
Juniata, 42.
- Kearney, 46.
Kenesaw, 144.
Kennard, 232.
- Laurel, 248.
Leigh, 193.
Lexington, 61.
Liberty, 152.
Lincoln, 19, 54, 210.
Litchfield, 278.
Long Pine, 136.
Loup City, 106.
Lyons, 240.
- Madison, 113.
Mason City, 170.
McCook, 135.
Merna, 171.
Milford, 30.
Miller, 213.
Minden, 127.
Mitchell, 263.
Morrill, 271.
- Nebraska City, 2.
Nehawka, 246.
Neligh, 71.
Nelson, 77.
Nemaha City, 29.
Niobrara, 87.
Norfolk, 55.
North Bend, 119.
North Platte, 32.
- Oak, 243.
Oakland, 91.
Ogallala, 159.
Ohiowa, 182.
Omaha, 1, 3, 11, 25, 268.
O'Neill, 95.
Ord, 103.
Orleans, 60.
Osceola, 65.
Osmond, 247.
Overton, 267.
Oxford, 138.
- Palisade, 216.
Papillon, 39.
Fawnee City, 23.
Pender, 203.
Peru, 14.
Phillips, 62.
Pierce, 153.
Plainview, 204.
Plattsmouth, 6.
Ponca, 101.
- Randolph, 202.
Red Cloud, 53.
Republican City, 98.
Reynolds, 160.
Rising City, 81.
Riverton, 63.
Rulo, 13.
Rushville, 169.
- Saint Edward, 230.
Saint Paul, 82.
Schuyler, 34.

Scotia, 191.	Superior, 121.	Wakefield, 83.
Scottsbluff, 265.	Surprise, 130.	Walthill, 274.
Scribner, 132.	Sutton, 49.	Waterloo, 102.
Seward, 38.	Syracuse, 57.	Wauneta, 217.
Shelby, 161.		Wausa, 251.
Shelton, 99.		Wayne, 120.
Sidney, 75.	Table Rock, 108.	Weeping Water, 97.
Silver Creek, 266.	Tecumseh, 17.	Western, 140.
South Omaha, 184.	Tekamah, 31.	West Point, 27.
Spencer, 261.	Tilden, 166.	Wilber, 64.
Springfield, 112.	Tobias, 149.	Wilcox, 226.
Springview, 260.		Wilsonville, 157.
Stanton, 41.	Ulysses, 187.	Winside, 235.
Stella, 105.	University Place, 227.	Wisner, 114.
Sterling, 70.	Utica, 96.	Wood Lake, 221.
Stockville, 196.		Wood River, 211.
Stratton, 173.	Valentine, 192.	Wymore, 104.
Stromsburg, 126.	Valparaiso, 151.	
Stuart, 147.		
Sumner, 212.	Wahoo, 59.	York, 56.

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BY COUNTIES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

Adams, 42, 50, 144.	Furnas, 93, 138, 150, 157, 257.	Otoe, 2, 57, 237, 272.
Antelope, 71, 276.		
Boone, 78, 143, 230.	Gage, 26, 85, 104, 152, 165, 175, 194, 214.	Pawnee, 23, 108, 137.
Box Butte, 183.	Garfield, 200.	Phelps, 146, 275.
Boyd, 233, 261.	Gosper, 167.	Pierce, 153, 204, 247.
Brown, 136, 224.	Grant, 234.	Platte, 58.
Buffalo, 46, 99, 133, 189, 213.	Greeley, 191.	Polk, 65, 126, 161.
Burt, 31, 88, 91, 240, 241.		Red Willow, 135, 185, 228, 262.
Butler, 51, 81, 180, 187.	Hall, 33, 86, 211.	Richardson, 9, 13, 40, 105.
	Hamilton, 62, 68, 223, 245.	Rock, 254.
Cass, 6, 97, 163, 209, 246.	Harlan, 60, 98, 116, 270.	Saline, 37, 64, 73, 111, 118, 140, 149.
Cedar, 155, 202, 219, 248.	Hitchcock, 173, 174, 216.	Sarpy, 39, 112.
Chase, 198, 217.	Holt, 95, 147, 156, 164.	Saunders, 59, 110, 151, 215, 229.
Cherry, 192, 221.	Howard, 82.	Scotts Bluff, 201, 263, 265, 271.
Cheyenne, 75.	Jefferson, 35, 160, 206.	Seward, 30, 38, 96, 179, 259.
Clay, 44, 49, 67, 84, 139.	Johnson, 17, 70, 90, 231.	Sherman, 106, 278.
Colfax, 34, 193.		Sheridan, 169, 177, 195.
Cuming, 27, 114, 145, 253.	Kearney, 127, 226.	Sioux, 277.
Custer, 148, 170, 171, 176, 207, 225, 258.	Keith, 159.	Stanton, 41.
	Keya Paha, 260.	
Dakota, 5.	Knox, 87, 100, 218, 251, 273.	Thayer, 43, 74, 92, 154, 199.
Dawes, 158, 181.		Thurston, 203, 274.
Dawson, 61, 188, 212, 249, 267.	Lancaster, 19, 54, 94, 210, 227, 250, 256.	Washington, 10, 21, 52, 222.
Deuel, 205.	Lincoln, 32.	Valley, 103, 208, 232.
Dixon, 83, 101, 220, 236.	Logan, 190.	Wayne, 120, 235.
Dodge, 15, 72, 119, 132.		Webster, 53, 128, 129.
Douglas, 1, 3, 11, 25, 102, 184, 268.	Madison, 55, 113, 166, 244.	
Dundy, 180.	Merrick, 36, 134, 239, 266.	York, 56, 197, 255.
Fillmore, 48, 79, 172, 182.	Nance, 89, 125, 269.	
Franklin, 63, 76, 252, 264.	Nemaha, 4, 14, 29, 124, 162.	
Frontier, 168, 196.	Nuckolls, 77, 117, 121, 243.	

ROLL OF EXTINCT NEBRASKA LODGES.

LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	CREATED	CHARTERED	BECAME EXTINCT
Summit, No. 7*	Parkville, Colorado		May 6, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Rocky Mountain, No. 8*	Gold Hill, Colorado		May 21, 1861	June 5, 1861	
Peru, U. D.	Peru	Nemaha	June 13, 1861		June 23, 1863
Central City, U. D.	Central City, Colorado		1860 or 61		
Decatur, No. 7	Decatur	Burt		June 3 or 4, 1862	June 18, 1873
Bannack City, U. D.	Bannack City, Idaho		{ April —, 1863 or June 21, 1863 }		
Monitor, U. D.	United States Army		July 30, 1863		Prior to 1867
Columbus, No. 8	Columbus	Platte	Aug. 25, 1863	June 23 or 24, 1864	June 25, 1868
Idaho, U. D.	Nevada City, Idaho		Nov. 17, 1863		June 23, 1864
Nebraska City, No. 12	Nebraska City	Otoe	Feb. 19, 1866	June 22, 1866	Mar. 10, 1903
Eureka, No. 16	Arago	Richardson	Jan. 27 or 29, 1868	June 24, 1868	Dec. 23, 1875
Ashland, No. 18	Ashland	Saunders	{ Jan. —, or April 10, 1868 }	June 24, 1868	Aug. 17, 1881
Rock Bluff, No. 20	Rock Bluff	Cass	July 15, 1867	June 24 or 25, 1868	July 16, 1884
Macey, No. 22	Plattsmouth	Cass	Feb. 10, 1869	Oct. 29, 1869	Dec. 31, 1877
Lafayette, No. 24	Lafayette Pct. (later Grant)	Nemaha	June 29, 1869	Oct. 27 or 28, 1869	Mar. 27, 1877
Wyoming, No. 25*	South Pass City, Wyoming		Nov. 24, 1869	June 23, 1870	
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Nov. 26, 1870		May 12, 1870
Columbus, U. D.	Columbus	Platte	Jan. 3, 1871		May 12, 1871
Harmony, U. D.	Saint Deroin	Nemaha	Jan. 9, 1872		June 19, 1873
Palmyra, No. 45	Palmyra	Otoe	Jan. 9, 1872	June 26, 1874	Nov. 20, 1901
Salem, No. 47	Salem	Richardson	Feb. 21, 1873	June 26, 1874	June 18, 1881
Livingstone, No. 66	Firth	Lancaster	Feb. 16, 1877	June 20, 1877	June 5, 1907
Fortitude, No. 69	Clysses	Butler	April 24, 1877	June 19, 1878	July 14, 1887
Waco, No. 80	Waco	York	Mar. 20, 1880	June 23, 1880	Jan. 31, 1885
Steele City, No. 107	Steele City	Jefferson	Jan. 23, 1883	June 19, 1883	Aug. 13, 1902
Arapahoe, No. 109	Arapahoe	Furnas	Feb. 10, 1883	June 19, 1883	June 8, 1904
Brainard, No. 115	Brainard	Butler	July 11, 1883	June 24, 1884	Sept. 5, 1903
Jasper, No. 122	Odell	Gage	Nov. 26, 1883	June 24, 1884	April 24, 1901
Indianola, No. 123	Indianola	Red Willow	Dec. 8, 1883	June 24, 1884	June 8, 1904
Ark & Anchor, No. 131	Ainsworth	Brown	July 3, 1884	June 24, 1885	Sept. 26, 1890
Summit, No. 141	Johnson	Nemaha	Dec. 6, 1884	June 24, 1885	Feb. 5, 1900
Anchor, No. 142	North Loup	Valley	Dec. 18, 1884	June 24, 1885	June 5, 1901
Silver Creek, U. D.	Silver Creek	Merrick	Feb. 26, 1886		June 17, 1886
Battle Creek, U. D.	Battle Creek	Madison	Aug. 23, 1886		June 21, 1888
Trenton, U. D.	Trenton	Hitchcock	June 27, 1887		June 20, 1889
Bromfield, U. D.	Bromfield	Hamilton	July 1, 1887		June 20, 1890
Hesperia, No. 178	Shickley	Fillmore	Jan. 11, 1888	June 20, 1889	Sept. 9, 1905
Palestine, U. D.	Beatrice	Gage	July 9, 1888		June 20, 1889
Plumb, No. 186	Grant	Perkins	Jan. 31, 1889	June 20, 1889	Nov. 15, 1897
Adams, U. D.	Adams	Gage	Jan. 18, 1890		June 20, 1890
Armada, U. D.	Armada, Miller, and Sumner	Buffalo	Aug. 26, 1890		..... 1891
Exeter, U. D.	Exeter	Fillmore	Feb. 21, 1894		June 10, 1896
Ithmar, No. 238	Crab Orchard	Johnson	Aug. 29, 1895	June 10, 1896	Feb. 9, 1903
Royal, U. D.	Savage	Antelope	Nov. 13, 1900		June 6, 1901
Orion, No. 242	Ravenna	Buffalo	Mar. 31, 1897	June 16, 1898	July 6, 1904

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Nebraska,	No. 1	Omaha	Douglas	First Tuesday	Feb. —, 55...	Oct. 3, 55
Western Star,	" 2	Nebraska City...	Otoe	Friday on or before○.....	May 10, 55...	May 28, 56
Capitol,	" 3	Omaha	Douglas	First Monday	Jan. 9, 57...	June 3, 57
Nemaha Valley,	" 4	Brownville	Nemaha	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 15, 57...	June 2, 58
5 Omadi,	" 5	Dakota City ...	Dakota	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Plattsmouth,	" 6	Plattsmouth ...	Cass	First and third Mondays...	Jan. 18, 58...	June 2, 58
Falls City,	" 9	Falls City.....	Richardson	Second and Fourth Mondays.	Oct. 4, 64...	June 23, 65
Solomon,	" 10	Fort Calhoun...	Washington ...	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 15, 65...	June 22, 66
Covert,	" 11	Omaha	Douglas	First Wednesday.....	July 24, 65...	June 22, 66
10 Orient,	" 13	Rulo	Richardson	Monday on or before○.....	June 23, 66...	June 19, 67
Peru,	" 14	Peru	Nemaha	Saturday on or before○.....	May 23, 67...	June 19, 67
Fremont,	" 15	Fremont	Dodge	First Tuesday	July 3, 66...	June 20, 67
Tecumseh,	" 17	Tecumseh	Johnson	First and third Saturdays...	Dec. 7, 67...	Oct. 28, 69
Lincoln,	" 19	Lincoln	Lancaster.....	First Tuesday	May 4, 68...	June 25, 68
15 Washington,	" 21	Blair	Washington.....	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 24, 68...	June 25, 68
Pawnee,	" 23	Pawnee City ...	Pawnee	First and third Tuesdays...	Jan. 4, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Saint Johns,	" 25	Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday.....	May 28, 69...	Oct. 28, 69
Beatrice,	" 26	Beatrice	Gage	Second and fourth Mondays.	Mar. 23, 70...	June 22, 70
Jordan,	" 27	West Point ...	Cuming	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 25, 69...	June 23, 70
20 Hope,	" 29	Nemaha City....	Nemaha	Friday on or before○.....	Nov. 8, 69...	June 23, 70
Blue River,	" 30	Milford	Seward	Thursday on or before○...	Apr. 25, 70...	June 23, 70
Tekamah,	" 31	Tekamah	Burt	First and third Wednesdays.	Aug. 19, 69...	June 23, 70
Platte Valley,	" 32	North Platte ...	Lincoln	Second Tuesday.....	Jan. 15, 70...	June 23, 70
Ashlar,	" 33	Grand Island....	Hall	Second Thursday	Aug. 11, 70...	June 22, 71
25 Acacia,	" 34	Schuyler	Colfax	First Thursday	July 18, 70...	June 19, 72
Fairbury,	" 35	Fairbury	Jefferson	First and third Mondays...	June 30, 71...	June 19, 72

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	Lone Tree,	No. 36	Central City....	Merrick	First and third Saturdays...	Aug. 9, 71... June 19, 73
	Crete,	" 37	Crete	Saline	First Friday.....	Jan. 8, 72... June 19, 72
	Oliver,	" 38	Seward	Seward	Saturday on or before○...	July 25, 71... June 18, 73
30	Papillion,	" 39	Papillion	Sarpy	First and third Saturdays...	Nov. 18, 72... June 18, 73
	Humboldt,	" 40	Humboldt	Richardson	Thursday on or before○...	Dec. 16, 72... June 18, 73
	Northern Light,	" 41	Stanton	Stanton	Friday on or before○.....	Jan. 20, 73... June 18, 73
	Juniata,	" 42	Juniata	Adams	Monday on or before○.....	Feb. 21, 73... June 18, 73
	Hebron,	" 43	Hebron	Thayer	First Thursday	Mar. 10, 73... June 18, 73
35	Harvard,	" 44	Harvard	Clay	First and third Tuesdays...	Mar. 25, 73... June 18, 73
	Rob Morris,	" 46	Kearney	Buffalo	First Wednesday.....	Feb. 21, 73... June 26, 74
	Fairmont,	" 48	Fairmont	Fillmore	Tuesday on or before○.....	Dec. 4, 73... June 26, 74
	Evening Star,	" 49	Sutton	Clay	Second and fourth Thursdays	Dec. 22, 73... June 26, 74
	Hastings,	" 50	Hastings	Adams	First Tuesday	Jan. 3, 74... June 26, 74
40	Fidelity,	" 51	David City	Butler	First Tuesday.....	Jan. 19, 74... June 26, 74
	Hiram,	" 52	Arlington.....	Washington	Thursday on or before○...	Feb. 26, 74... June 26, 74
	Charity,	" 53	Red Cloud	Webster	First and third Fridays.....	Mar. 2, 74... June 26, 74
	Lancaster,	" 54	Lincoln	Lancaster	First Friday	Apr. 20, 74... June 26, 74
	Mosaic,	" 55	Norfolk	Madison	First Tuesday	Oct. 1, 74... June 23, 75
45	York,	" 56	York	York	Last Friday	Oct. 1, 74... June 23, 75
	Mount Moriah,	" 57	Syracuse	Otoe	Thursday on or before○...	Nov. 7, 74... June 23, 75
	Lebanon,	" 58	Columbus	Platte	Second Tuesday.....	Dec. 7, 74... June 23, 75
	Wahoo,	" 59	Wahoo	Saunders	First Wednesday	Jan. 20, 75... June 23, 75
	Melrose,	" 60	Orleans	Harlan	Saturday on or before○*...	Mar. 10, 75... June 24, 75
50	Thistle,	" 61	Lexington	Dawson	Second Tuesday	May 8, 75... June 21, 76
	Keystone,	" 62	Phillips	Hamilton	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 1, 76... June 21, 76
	Riverton,	" 63	Riverton	Franklin	Monday on or before○.....	Dec. 22, 75... June 21, 76
	Blue Valley,	" 64	Wilber	Saline	Tuesday on or before○*...	Oct. 6, 76... June 20, 77
	Osceola,	" 65	Osceola	Polk	Second and fourth Saturdays	Nov. 23, 76... June 20, 77

*And two weeks thereafter.

55	Edgar,	No. 67	Edgar	Clay	Second and fourth Mondays.	Feb. 27, 77...	June 20, 77
	Aurora,	68	Aurora	Hamilton	First and third Tuesdays....	Feb. 10, 76...	June 19, 78
	Sterling,	70	Sterling	Johnson	Tuesday on or before○.....	July 16, 77...	June 19, 78
	Trowel,	71	Neligh	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays....	Jan. 28, 78...	June 19, 78
	Hooper,	72	Hooper	Dodge	Saturday on or before○.....	Mar. 19, 78...	June 25, 79
60	Friend,	73	Friend	Saline	Thursday on or before○.....	May 4, 78...	June 25, 79
	Alexandria,	74	Alexandria	Thayer	Second and fourth Mondays.	Dec. 26, 78...	June 25, 79
	Frank Welch,	75	Sidney	Cheyenne	First Tuesday	Dec. 26, 78...	June 25, 79
	Joppa,	76	Bloomington	Franklin	Friday on or before○.....	Mar. 29, 79...	June 25, 79
	Nelson,	77	Nelson	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before○.....	Mar. 15, 79...	June 23, 80
65	Albion,	78	Albion	Boone	First and third Saturdays...	Aug. 1, 79...	June 23, 80
	Geneva,	79	Geneva	Fillmore	Friday on or before○*.....	Nov. 24, 79...	June 23, 80
	Composite,	81	Rising City	Butler	Tuesday on or before○.....	Mar. 20, 80...	June 22, 81
	Saint Paul,	82	Saint Paul	Howard	Third Thursday.....	April 15, 80...	June 22, 81
	Corinthian,	83	Wakefield	Dixon	Friday on or before○.....	April 22, 80...	June 22, 81
70	Fairfield,	84	Fairfield	Clay	First and third Mondays....	Sept. 3, 80...	June 22, 81
	Tyre,	85	Blue Springs	Gage	Tuesday on or before○.....	Sept. 16, 80...	June 22, 81
	Doniphan,	86	Doniphan	Hall	Saturday on or before○.....	Jan. 7, 81...	June 22, 81
	Ionic,	87	Niobrara	Knox	Thursday on or before○.....	Jan. 24, 81...	June 20, 82
	Star,	88	Decatur	Burt	First Tuesday.....	Sept. 17, 81...	June 20, 82
75	Cedar River,	89	Fullerton	Nance	First and third Mondays....	Jan. 19, 82...	June 20, 82
	Elk Creek,	90	Elk Creek	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○....	Feb. 11, 82...	June 20, 82
	Oakland,	91	Oakland	Burt	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 7, 82...	June 19, 83
	Hubbell,	92	Hubbell	Thayer	Second and fourth Saturdays	April 29, 82...	June 19, 83
	Beaver City,	93	Beaver City	Furnas	Saturday on or before○.....	May 3, 82...	June 19, 83
80	Bennet,	94	Bennet	Lancaster	Tuesday on or before○.....	May 5, 82...	June 19, 83
	Garfield,	95	O'Neill	Holt	First and third Thursdays..	June 28, 82...	June 19, 83
	Utica,	96	Utica	Seward	Wednesday on or before○....	July 14, 82...	June 19, 83
	Euclid,	97	Weeping Water	Cass	First Monday.....	July 21, 82...	June 19, 83
	Republican,	98	Republican City	Harlan	Wednesday on or before○....	July 27, 82...	June 19, 83
85	Shelton,	99	Shelton	Buffalo	Friday on or before○.....	July 28, 82...	June 19, 83
	Creighton,	100	Creighton	Knox	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 19, 82...	June 19, 83
	Ponca,	101	Ponca	Dixon	Friday on or before○.....	Sept. 1, 82...	June 19, 83

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		Waterloo	Douglas	Tuesday on or before○	Sept. 7, 82	June 19, 83
		Ord	Valley	Wednesday on or before○	Sept. 14, 82	June 19, 83
90		Wymore	Gage	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Nov. 10, 82	June 19, 83
		Stella	Richardson	Wednesday on or before○	Dec. 4, 82	June 19, 83
		Porter	Sherman	Tuesday on or before○*	Dec. 9, 82	June 19, 83
		Table Rock	Pawnee	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Jan. 24, 83	June 19, 83
		Pomegranate,	Saunders	First Friday	Feb. 13, 83	June 19, 83
95		DeWitt	Saline	Monday on or before○	Feb. 28, 83	June 19, 83
		Springfield,	Sarpy	Second and fourth Saturdays	Mar. 30, 83	June 19, 83
		Globe,	Madison	Tuesday on or before○	Feb. 16, 82	June 24, 84
		Wisner,	Cuming	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 12, 83	June 24, 84
		Harlan,	Harlan	Friday on or before○*	July 12, 83	June 24, 84
100		Hardy,	Nuckolls	Thursday on or before○	July 18, 83	June 24, 84
		Doric,	Saline	Saturday on or before○	Aug. 2, 83	June 24, 84
		North Bend,	Dodge	Second Tuesday	Sept. 5, 83	June 24, 84
		Wayne,	Wayne	Second and fourth Fridays.	Sept. 26, 83	June 24, 84
		Superior,	Nuckolls	Wednesday on or before○	Nov. 22, 83	June 24, 84
105		Auburn,	Nemaha	Monday on or before○	Dec. 25, 83	June 24, 84
		Mount Nebo,	Nance	Second and fourth Saturdays	Jan. 1, 84	June 24, 84
		Stromsburg,	Polk	Saturday on or before○	Jan. 16, 84	June 24, 84
		Minden,	Kearney	Wednesday on or before○	Jan. 22, 84	June 24, 84
		Guide Rock,	Webster	Thursday on or before○	Jan. 28, 84	June 24, 84
110		Blue Hill,	Webster	Friday on or before○	Feb. 18, 84	June 24, 84
		Tuscan,	Butler	Thursday on or before○	Feb. 20, 84	June 24, 85
		Scribner,	Dodge	First Wednesday	July 9, 84	June 24, 85
		Elm Creek,	Buffalo	First Tuesday	Aug. 8, 84	June 24, 85
		Solar,	Merrick	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 8, 84	June 24, 85
115		McCook,	Red Willow	First and third Tuesdays.	Oct. 6, 84	June 24, 85

*And two weeks thereafter.

		Long Pine	No. 136	Long Pine	Brown	First Saturday	Oct. 6, 84	June 24, 85
		Upright	" 137	Burchard	Pawnee	Wednesday on or before○*	Nov. 14, 84	June 24, 85
		Rawalt	" 138	Oxford	Furnas	Saturday on or before○	Nov. 15, 84	June 24, 85
		Clay Centre,	" 139	Clay Centre	Clay	First and third Saturdays	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85
120		Western,	" 140	Western	Saline	Wednesday on or before○*	Dec. 6, 84	June 24, 85
		Crescent	" 143	Cedar Rapids	Boone	Third Wednesday	Jan. 24, 85	June 24, 85
		Kenesaw,	" 144	Kenesaw	Adams	Friday on or before○	Jan. 28, 85	June 24, 85
		Bancroft,	" 145	Bancroft	Cuming	Second and 4th Wednesdays	Feb. 25, 85	June 24, 85
		Jachin,	" 146	Holdrege	Phelps	Third Thursday	Mar. 31, 85	June 17, 86
125		Siloam,	" 147	Stuart	Holt	Friday on or after○	April 30, 85	June 17, 86
		Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Broken Bow	Custer	Saturday on or before○	July 13, 85	June 17, 86
		Jewel,	" 149	Tobias	Saline	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Aug. 15, 85	June 17, 86
		Cambridge,	" 150	Cambridge	Furnas	Tuesday on or before○*	Aug. 10, 85	June 17, 86
		Square,	" 151	Valparaiso	Saunders	Second and fourth Tuesdays	Sept. 7, 85	June 17, 86
130		Parallel,	" 152	Liberty	Gage	Thursday on or before○	Nov. 20, 85	June 17, 86
		Evergreen,	" 153	Pierce	Pierce	Tuesday on or before○*	Nov. 27, 85	June 17, 86
		Lily,	" 154	Davenport	Thayer	Friday on or before○	Nov. 28, 85	June 17, 86
		Hartington,	" 155	Hartington	Cedar	Wednesday on or before○	Jan. 26, 86	June 17, 86
		Pythagoras,	" 156	Ewing	Holt	Saturday on or before○†	Oct. 24, 86	June 16, 87
135		Valley,	" 157	Wilsonville	Furnas	Saturday on or before○	Feb. 22, 86	June 16, 87
		Samaritan,	" 158	Chadron	Dawes	First and third Thursdays	Mar. 17, 86	June 16, 87
		Ogalalla,	" 159	Ogalalla	Keith	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 14, 86	June 16, 87
		Zeredatha,	" 160	Reynolds	Jefferson	First and third Thursdays	Aug. 21, 86	June 16, 87
		Mount Zion,	" 161	Shelby	Polk	Monday on or before○*	Aug. 25, 86	June 16, 87
140		Restle Board,	" 162	Brock	Nemaha	Saturday on or before○	Oct. 9, 86	June 16, 87
		Unity,	" 163	Greenwood	Cass	Friday on or before○*	Dec. 18, 86	June 16, 87
		Atkinson,	" 164	Atkinson	Holt	First and third Wednesdays	Aug. 19, 86	June 21, 88
		Barneston,	" 165	Barneston	Gage	Tuesday on or before○*	Aug. 20, 86	June 21, 88
		Mystic Tie,	" 166	Tilden	Madison	Thursday on or before○	Feb. 18, 87	June 21, 88
145		Elwood,	" 167	Elwood	Gosper	Saturday on or before○	June 21, 87	June 21, 88
		Curtis,	" 168	Curtis	Frontier	First and third Mondays	June 21, 87	June 21, 88
		Amity,	" 169	Rushville	Sheridan	Third Saturday	July 29, 86	June 21, 88
		Mason City,	" 170	Mason City	Custer	Tuesday on or before○	Aug. 1, 87	June 21, 88
		Merna,	" 171	Merna	Custer	Saturday on or after○	Aug. 2, 87	June 21, 88
150		Grafton,	" 172	Grafton	Fillmore	Wednesday on or before○*	Oct. 18, 87	June 21, 88

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	Robert Burns,	No. 173 Stratton	Hitchcock	First and third Saturdays...	Nov. 15, 87...	June 21, 88
	Culbertson,	" 174 Culbertson	Hitchcock	First and third Wednesdays.	Nov. 16, 87...	June 21, 88
	Temple,	" 175 Filley	Gage	First and third Saturdays..	Dec. 9, 87...	June 21, 88
	Gladstone,	" 176 Ansley	Custer	Saturday after○.....	Feb. 18, 88...	June 21, 88
155	Hay Springs,	" 177 Hay Springs	Sheridan	Second and fourth Mondays..	Feb. 20, 88...	June 21, 88
	Prudence,	" 179 Beaver Crossing.	Seward	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 24, 88...	June 20, 89
	Justice,	" 180 Benkelman	Dundy	Friday on or before○.....	Oct. 8, 88...	June 20, 89
	Faith,	" 181 Crawford	Dawes	First and third Thursdays..	Dec. 13, 88...	June 20, 89
	Incense,	" 182 Ohioa	Fillmore	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 21, 88...	June 20, 89
160	Alliance,	" 183 Alliance	Box Butte	Thursday on or before○....	Jan. 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	Bee Hive,	" 184 South Omaha	Douglas	First Thursday	Jan. 22, 89...	June 20, 89
	Boaz,	" 185 Danbury	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○..	Jan. 24, 89...	June 20, 89
	Israel,	" 187 Ulysses	Butler	Tuesday on or before○.....	Feb. 2, 89...	June 20, 89
	Meridian,	" 188 Cozad	Dawson	Third Saturday	Feb. 4, 89...	June 20, 89
165	Granite,	" 189 Gibbon	Buffalo	First Thursday	Feb. 18, 89...	June 20, 89
	Amethyst	" 190 Gandy	Logan	Second and fourth Saturdays	Aug. 5, 89...	June 20, 90
	Crystal,	" 191 Scotia	Greeley	Saturday on or before○.....	Aug. 7, 89...	June 20, 90
	Minnekadusa,	" 192 Valentine	Cherry	Third Tuesday	Aug. 15, 89...	June 20, 90
	Signet,	" 193 Leigh	Colfax	Friday on or before○.....	Sept. 3, 89...	June 20, 90
170	Highland,	" 194 Cortland	Gage	First Monday	Sept. 21, 89...	June 20, 90
	Arcana,	" 195 Gordon	Sheridan	First and third Mondays...	Oct. 17, 89...	June 20, 90
	Level,	" 196 Stockville	Frontier	Saturday on or before○.....	Nov. 1, 89...	June 20, 90
	Morning Star,	" 197 Gresham	York	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 16, 89...	June 20, 90
	Purity,	" 198 Imperial	Chase	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 24, 89...	June 20, 90
175	Gavel,	" 199 Carleton	Thayer	Tuesday on or before○.....	July 20, 89...	June 18, 91
	Blazing Star,	" 200 Burwell	Garfield	Thursday on or after○.....	Aug. 5, 90...	June 18, 91
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201 Gering	Scotts Bluff	First and third Saturdays...	Aug. 8, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202 Randolph	Cedar	Monday on or before○†....	Aug. 29, 90...	June 18, 91
	Roman Eagle,	" 203 Pender	Thurston	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 30, 90...	June 18, 91

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

180	Plainview,	No. 204	Plainview	Pierce	Tuesday on or before○*.....	Sept. 1, 90...	June 18, 91
	Golden Fleece,	" 205	Chappell	Deuel	Thursday on or before○.....	Sept. 2, 90...	June 18, 91
	Napthali,	" 206	Diller	Jefferson	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Dec. 31, 90...	June 18, 91
	Parian,	" 207	Callaway	Custer	Second Thursday	Jan. 31, 91...	June 18, 91
	Gauge,	" 208	Arcadia	Valley	Tuesday after○*.....	Aug. 24, 91...	June 16, 92
185	Canopy,	" 209	Elmwood	Cass	Saturday on or before○.....	Sept. 4, 91...	June 16, 92
	East Lincoln,	" 210	Lincoln	Lancaster	Second Thursday†.....	Nov. 5, 91...	June 16, 92
	Cement,	" 211	Wood River	Hall	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 27, 91...	June 16, 92
	Compass & Square,	" 212	Summer	Dawson	Tuesday on or before○.....	Dec. 12, 91...	June 16, 92
	Square & Compass,	" 213	Miller	Buffalo	Friday on or before○.....	Dec. 14, 91...	June 16, 92
190	Plumblin,	" 214	Adams	Gage	Monday on or before○.....	Nov. 17, 91...	June 15, 93
	Occidental,	" 215	Cedar Bluffs.....	Saunders	Wednesday on or before○.....	July 16, 92...	June 15, 93
	Palisade,	" 216	Palisade	Hitchcock	Tuesday on or before○.....	July 18, 92...	June 15, 93
	Wauneta,	" 217	Wauneta	Chase	First and third Thursdays..	Dec. 7, 92...	June 15, 93
	Bloomfield,	" 218	Bloomfield	Knox	Tuesday on or before○.....	Jan. 18, 93...	June 15, 93
195	Relief,	" 219	Coleridge	Cedar	Second Friday	Jan. 19, 93...	June 15, 93
	Magnolia,	" 220	Emerson	Dixon	Wednesday on or before○..	Jan. 21, 93...	June 15, 93
	Wood Lake,	" 221	Wood Lake	Cherry	Saturday on or before○.....	Sept. 22, 92...	June 21, 94
	Landmark,	" 222	Herman	Washington	Tuesday on or before○.....	Mar. 1, 93...	June 21, 94
	Eminence,	" 223	Giltner	Hamilton	Second and fourth Tuesdays.	Sept. 26, 93...	June 21, 94
200	Silver Cord,	" 224	Ainsworth	Brown	Second Saturday.....	Oct. 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Cable,	" 225	Arnold	Custer	First and third Saturdays...	Nov. 17, 93...	June 21, 94
	Grace,	" 226	Wilcox	Kearney.....	Monday on or before○*.....	Jan. 20, 93...	June 13, 95
	North Star,	" 227	University Place.	Lancaster	First Wednesday†.....	July 28, 94...	June 13, 95
	Bartley,	" 228	Bartley	Red Willow	Wednesday on or before○..	Nov. 23, 94...	June 13, 95
205	Comet,	" 229	Ceresco	Saunders	Thursday on or before○*...	Dec. 5, 94...	June 13, 95
	Delta,	" 230	Saint Edward ..	Boone	First and third Saturdays...	Dec. 11, 94...	June 13, 95
	Mount Hermon,	" 231	Cook	Johnson	Wednesday on or before○..	Dec. 19, 94...	June 13, 95
	John S. Bowen,	" 232	Kennard	Washington	Third Saturday.....	Feb. 6, 95...	June 13, 95
	Gilead,	" 233	Butte	Boyd	Second and fourth Mondays.	Nov. 22, 94...	June 10, 96
210	Zion,	" 234	Hyannis	Grant	Wednesday on or before○..	July 19, 95...	June 10, 96
	Fraternity,	" 235	Winside	Wayne	Wednesday on or before○..	Aug. 2, 95...	June 10, 96
	Golden Rule,	" 236	Allen	Dixon	Tuesday on or before○.....	Aug. 3, 95...	June 10, 96
	Cubit,	" 237	Douglas	Otoe	Thursday on or before○.....	Aug. 9, 95...	June 10, 96
	Friendship,	" 239	Chapman	Merrick	Second and fourth Fridays..	Oct. 7, 95...	June 10, 96
215	Pilot,	" 240	Lyons	Burt	Third Friday.....	Nov. 29, 95...	June 10, 96

*And two weeks thereafter.

†And June 24th each year.

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LODGE	TOWN	COUNTY	REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS	CREATED	CHARTERED
George Armstrong, No. 241	Craig	Burt	First and third Tuesdays...	Aug. 1, 95...	June 17, 97
Tyrian, " 243	Oak	Nuckolls	First and third Wednesdays.	Aug. 24, 98...	June 8, 99
Sincerity, " 244	Battle Creek	Madison	Second Tuesday.....	Feb. 18, 99...	June 8, 99
Hampton, " 245	Hampton	Hamilton	First and third Wednesdays.	July 13, 99...	June 7, 00
220 Nehawka, " 246	Nehawka	Cass	Wednesday on or before○...	Jan. 2, 00...	June 7, 00
Corner-stone, " 247	Osmond	Pierce	Friday on or before○.....	Jan. 3, 00...	June 7, 00
Laurel, " 248	Laurel	Cedar	Second and 4th Wednesdays.	Feb. 12, 00...	June 7, 00
Gothenburg, " 249	Gothenburg	Dawson	Wednesday on or before○...	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
George Washington, " 250	Havelock	Lancaster	Second and fourth Thursdays	June 20, 00...	June 6, 01
225 Wausa, " 251	Wausa	Knox	Wednesday on or before○...	Nov. 18, 00...	June 6, 01
Hildreth, " 252	Hildreth	Franklin	Wednesday on or before○*..	July 2, 01...	June 5, 02
Beemer, " 253	Beemer	Cuming	First and third Wednesdays.	Jan. 1, 02...	June 5, 02
Bassett, " 254	Bassett	Rock	Second Thursday.....	Oct. 8, 02...	June 4, 03
Bradshaw, " 255	Bradshaw	York	First Monday.....	June 17, 03...	June 9, 04
230 Hickman, " 256	Hickman	Lancaster	Thursday on or before○...	Dec. 7, 03...	June 9, 04
Holbrook, " 257	Holbrook	Furnas	First and third Saturdays...	Jan. 11, 04...	June 9, 04
Anselmo, " 258	Anselmo	Custer	Wednesday on or before○...	Dec. 10, 04...	June 7, 05
Bee, " 259	Bee	Seward	Thursday on or before○.....	Feb. 11, 05...	June 7, 05
Springview, " 260	Springview	Keya Paha	Second and fourth Thursdays	Feb. 27, 06...	June 5, 07
235 Ornan, " 261	Spencer	Boyd	First and third Mondays...	Mar. 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Endeavor, " 262	Indianola	Red Willow	Thursday on or before○.....	June 28, 06...	June 5, 07
Mitchell, " 263	Mitchell	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays.	July 5, 06...	June 5, 07
Franklin, " 264	Franklin	Franklin	Second and fourth Mondays..	June 11, 07...	June 10, 08
Robert W. Furnas, " 265	Scottsbluff	Scotts Bluff	Second and fourth Mondays.	June 21, 07...	June 10, 08
240 Silver, " 266	Silver Creek	Merrick	Thursday on or before○....	June 14, 07...	June 10, 08
James A. Tulleys, " 267	Overton	Dawson	Saturday on or before○....	Dec. 26, 07...	June 10, 08
George W. Lininger, " 268	Omaha	Douglas	First Friday.....	Feb. 26, 08...	June 10, 08
Riverside, " 269	Belgrade	Nance	Friday before○*.....	Jan. 19, 08...	June 9, 09
Huntley, " 270	Huntley	Harlan	Tuesday on or before○*....	Nov. 17, 08...	June 9, 09
245 Oasis, " 271	Morrill	Scotts Bluff	First and third Saturdays...	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Lee P. Gillette, " 272	Dunbar	Otoe	Monday on or before○.....	June 14, 09...	June 8, 10
Crofton, " 273	Crofton	Knox	Thursday on or before○.....	July 10, 09...	June 8, 10
Olive Branch, " 274	Walshill	Thurston	Monday on or before○.....	Sept. 20, 09...	June 8, 10
Ramah, " 275	Bertrand	Phelps	Thursday on or before○.....	Nov. 8, 09...	June 8, 10
250 Antelope, " 276	Elgin	Antelope	First and third Tuesdays...	Jan. 12, 10...	June 8, 10
Sioux, " 277	Harrison	Sioux	First and third Tuesdays...	June 10, 10...	June 6, 11
Litchfield, " 278	Litchfield	Sherman	Thursday on or before○....	Dec. 19, 10...	June 6, 11

*And two weeks thereafter.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	No. 1	John F. Wilcox.....	William S. Rowe.....	Edward S. Thompson.	William C. McLean.
	" 2	Allan B. Wilson.....	John S. Clinkenbeard.	Clyde L. Farthing....	Milton R. Thorp.
	" 3	Herbert G. Hoerner...	Homer E. Race.....	Harry P. VanArsdale.	John Bamford.
	" 4	John A. Lawrence....	John A. Anderson....	John S. Furnas.....	William M. Kauffman.
5	Omadi, " 5	Walter Cheney.....	Harry H. Adair.....	George W. McBeath..	John H. Ream.
	" 6	Oliver C. Dovey.....	William A. Robertson.	George W. Thomas....	Michael Archer.
	" 9	Edwin G. Whitford...	R. Cooper Bailey.....	Arthur F. Kottmann..	Amos E. Gantt.
	" 10	David W. Marr.....	Parke G. Beales.....	Lee Smith.....	Fred H. Frahm.
	" 11	David O. Barnell.....	William Cosh.....	George R. Porter.....	Frank W. Boyer.
10	Orient, " 13	John C. Shepherd....	John Young.....	John Tackett.....	Frank Van Valkenburg.
	" 14	James A. Vance.....	Charles Adams.....	James H. Majors....	Abner L. Carlisle.
	" 15	Alba H. Briggs.....	Fred S. Davis.....	Fred C. Laird.....	Harry E. Dunlap.
	" 17	Edgar H. Grist.....	Frank L. Brundage...	Harry Phelps.....	Leo B. Heskett.
	" 19	George R. Chatburn...	Silas A. Beeman.....	William Pieper.....	Walter A. Leese.
15	Washington, " 21	William Kelly.....	Charles T. Farnham..	Charles E. Gaydou....	Edward C. Jackson.
	" 23	Joseph H. Shepherd...	Earl B. Brooks.....	Clyde T. Barton.....	Joseph B. Brooks.
	" 25	Guy C. McKenzie.....	J. Theodore Brammann	Thomas Johnson.....	Carl E. Herring.
	" 26	William W. Wright...	Ulysses S. Raynor....	Harry W. Schafer....	Burt L. Spellman.
	" 27	Edward W. Sass.....	Louis Goldsmith.....	Herman Zeplin.....	Walter A. Kerl.
20	Hope, " 29	William E. Seid.....	John I. Dressler.....	Frank L. Woodward..	William F. Sanders.
	" 30	Levi J. Hollingsworth.	Henry J. Matzke....	Harvey E. Vincent....	John A. Cocklin.
	" 31	Fred Wixer.....	Emsley C. Houston...	Burt C. Enyart.....	Frank W. Palen.
	" 32	Olin H. Cressler.....	Charles F. Chapman..	Arthur Boyd.....	Frank E. Bullard.
	" 33	James H. Miller.....	Claude A. Huss.....	Christopher Michelsen.	Robert R. Watson.
25	Acacia, " 34	Chester B. Sumner...	John T. Sumner.....	Andrew K. McLeish...	Venzel Maly.
	" 35	James L. Hutchison...	Henry J. Evans.....	James Chirnside.....	Elbert W. Mason.
	" 36	David E. Crites.....	Albert Grier.....	Anton Jensen.....	Joseph E. Benton.
	" 37	Herman Wissenberg...	Howard W. Quick....	Robert Manning.....	Jared J. Atwater.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Oliver,	No. 38 Charles K. Porter.....	Orrin D. Wicks.....	William Rosborough..	Smith D. Atkins.
30	Papillion,	" 39 William E. Patterson...	Campbell D. Brown...	Horace D. Patterson..	Charles F. Schaab.
	Humboldt,	" 40 John W. Youngman...	Thomas H. Gillan....	Hugh E. Boyd.....	J. Frank Snethen.
	Northern Light,	" 41 Theodore H. Namur...	William T. McFarland.	Clinton Chase.....	Virgil L. Horton.
	Juniata,	" 42 Farmer Saddler.....	John J. Coats.....	Charles Hall.....	Wm. E. Cadwallader.
	Hebron,	" 43 Walter H. Rhodes.....	Frank H. Gaylord....	Charles S. Keith.....	John R. Yost.
35	Harvard,	" 44 Linus A. Higgins.....	William T. Ayton....	Frederick E. Turner..	Griffith J. Thomas.
	Rob Morris,	" 46 William H. Achenbach.	Andrew J. Lee.....	Otto Birney.....	James D. Hawthorne.
	Fairmont,	" 48 Charles H. Little.....	Harry W. Smith.....	Charles S. Watson...	Samuel C. Bredin.
	Evening Star,	" 49 Peter F. Nuss.....	Robert Beattie.....	Nathaniel G. Bender..	Herman H. Schultz.
	Hastings,	" 50 Curtis L. Walters.....	Wm. J. Rinderspacher.	Fred B. Remer.....	Robert R. Damerell.
40	Fidelity,	" 51 John Harper.....	Thomas J. Hinds.....	John M. Zentz.....	Alexander E. Etting.
	Hiram,	" 52 Joseph C. Chapman....	Earnest Wager.....	Sullivan W. Gaylord..	Joseph C. Blackburn.
	Charity,	" 53 Ralph E. Foe.....	Walter B. Saunders...	Albert U. Kaley.....	Edwin S. Garber.
	Lancaster,	" 54 John Moore.....	Daniel H. McClenahan.	V. Addison Matthews..	Robert O. Wolf.
	Mosaic,	" 55 J. Warren McClary....	Richard C. Simmons...	Harry S. Thorpe.....	George H. Burton.
45	York,	" 56 Joseph A. Jacobs.....	Wilbur G. Liggett....	Thomas J. Maguire...	Irvin A. Baker.
	Mount Moriah,	" 57 Baalis S. Littlefield..	Edward V. Peshek....	Charles Peshek.....	Dennison P. West.
	Lebanon,	" 58 Carroll D. Evans.....	Edgar Howard.....	George W. Phillips...	Wm. R. Neumarker.
	Wahoo,	" 59 Denis A. Moyer.....	Lawrence E. Blixt....	Arthur Mielenz.....	Benjamin D. Rupp.
	Melrose,	" 60 George S. Austin.....	Joseph N. Campbell...	Martin Eckberg.....	Herbert L. Stein.
50	Thistle,	" 61 Frederic L. Temple....	James A. Byrne.....	Frederick J. Kutz....	Samuel C. Mullin.
	Keystone,	" 62 George Dixon.....	Emmett C. Arnett....	William Arnold.....	Alexander S. Gilbert.
	Riverton,	" 63 Rolland C. Shetler....	Edward T. Rasmussen.	Jerome L. Whaley....	Frank E. Britton.
	Blue Valley,	" 64 Porter F. Dodson.....	Jesse I. Moore.....	Joseph Lee Grimm....	Ferd. J. Zwonechek.
	Osceola,	" 65 Oliver E. Mickey.....	William Campbell....	Clair L. LeMar.....	Frederick H. Ball.
55	Edgar,	" 67 George R. Woods.....	Butler Hart.....	David J. Reynish....	Fred A. Voorhees.
	Aurora,	" 68 George H. Murphy....	Amos T. Parris.....	Alvin O. Hartquest...	Harvey K. Bald.
	Sterling,	" 70 Will F. Hitchcock....	Will T. Denton.....	H. Paul Lehrack.....	E. Ross Hitchcock.

	Trowel,	No. 71	John W. Recroft.....	Willis W. Cole.....	Robert G. Kryger....	Sidney D. Thornton, Jr.
	Hooper,	" 72	Martin A. Uehling.....	Fred W. Blankenfeld..	Fred H. Maryott	John W. Peitz.
60	Friend,	" 73	Alexander McFarlane..	Oliver L. Jewit.....	Thomas W. O'Laughlin	Andros W. Hoyt.
	Alexandria,	" 74	William C. Beer.....	Frederick E. Hubbard.	Henry C. Woltemath..	Benjamin L. Terry.
	Frank Welch,	" 75	Herman Schroeder....	William J. Shoemaker.	Fred G. Griffith.....	Leslie Neubauer.
	Joppa,	" 76	Charles E. Moffett....	James B. Sumner, Sr..	Stanley D. Long.....	William T. Britton.
	Nelson,	" 77	James C. Lanham, Sr.	Charles R. Imler.....	William W. Hawley...	Fred. O. Ritterbush.
65	Albion,	" 78	James E. DeLancy....	Warren B. Martin....	David C. Moore.....	Wallace W. Ladd.
	Geneva,	" 79	Joseph Bixby.....	Charles J. Warner....	Roy W. Eaton.....	Waldo E. Propst.
	Composite,	" 81	Luther J. Saylor.....	Emory Thomas.....	Edward E. Arnold....	Joseph H. Downing.
	Saint Paul,	" 82	Frederick W. Haggart.	Dale J. Woods.....	Charles L. Pickett....	Frank E. Pope.
	Corinthian,	" 83	Cyrus E. Hunter.....	Charles S. Grabin....	Edward F. Powell....	David C. Leamer.
70	Fairfield,	" 84	Edward H. Burnham..	Thomas J. Fowler, Jr.	Felix W. Hill.....	Wm. E. Underkofler.
	Tyre,	" 85	Gilbert F. Sandritter.	R. Newton Scott.....	Ezra Fishburn.....	Clarence E. Casebeer.
	Doniphan,	" 86	Samuel B. Marsh.....	Willie G. Smith.....	Isaac T. Ward.....	Henry E. Funk.
	Ionic,	" 87	George G. Bayba.....	William H. Brown....	George W. Draper....	George L. Adams.
	Star,	" 88	Frank J. Coddington..	George F. Morley....	James M. Lambert....	John G. Maryott.
75	Cedar River,	" 89	Marshal Castle.....	Maley W. Piercy.....	Joseph A. Storch.....	William F. Prowett.
	Elk Creek,	" 90	Robert E. Bicknell....	Asa H. Porter.....	Edwin R. Merwin....	John D. Bell.
	Oakland,	" 91	William E. Minier....	Andrew R. Holt.....	John E. Wallace.....	Albert P. Hedman.
	Hubbell,	" 92	James A. Miles.....	Fred Wilcox.....	George Cottam.....	Ario P. Wilcox.
	Beaver City,	" 93	Cecil C. Copeland....	Willis H. Martin.....	Frank A. Brewster....	Fletcher N. Merwin.
80	Bennet,	" 94	Ulysses S. Ellethorp..	*Albert T. Cassel.....	Guy B. McKee.....	Henry F. May.
	Garfield,	" 95	Robert R. Dickson....	Robert S. Hilliard..	Claud P. Hancock....	James C. Harnish.
	Utica,	" 96	Elmer Nelson.....	Jacob Severin.....	Bert Birket.....	Robert C. Hunter.
	Euclid,	" 97	Leroy R. Leonard....	Thomas F. Jameson..	Clark S. Newlon....	Henry T. Wilson.
	Republican,	" 98	Wallace L. Washburn.	Maxey H. Haskins....	Andrew McFarlane....	Brown Gifford.
85	Shelton,	" 99	James B. Hodge.....	I. Leroy Reynolds....	Clyde S. Burkard....	Walter S. Allison.
	Creighton,	" 100	Jacob Demmer.....	Leroy L. Seeley.....	Harry C. Kuester....	Roscoe R. Demmer.
	Ponca,	" 101	John E. Marsh.....	Albert D. Townsend..	Arthur H. Logan....	Marion I. Mellon.
	Waterloo,	" 102	Albert C. Hedberg....	Charles U. Streitz....	Tom L. McNish.....	Elmer L. Lindquest.
	Ord,	" 103	Earnest J. Williams..	Archie L. Bradt.....	Peter Anderson.....	Rudolph Sorensen.
90	Wymore,	" 104	Paul W. Norton.....	Floyd N. High.....	Frank W. Culver....	Jesse S. Newton.
	Stella,	" 105	W. Henry Hogrefe....	James Bowen.....	John M. Goodloe....	Edward W. James.
	Porter,	" 106	Amos S. Main.....	William T. Draper....	Charles H. French....	John W. Long.
	Table Rock,	" 108	Rosco C. Zink.....	Jay I. Barnard.....	Anthony R. Kovanda..	Louis C. Schurr.

*Elected; no report of installation.

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	Pomegranate, No. 110	John C. Railsback....	Jesse B. Parks.....	Ray Reasoner.....	Earnest L. Meredith.
95	DeWitt, " 111	Jacob E. Carey.....	Gustav R. Klein.....	George E. Green.....	Thomas U. Whiffen.
	Springfield, " 112	Thomas J. Wright....	Stuart L. Heacock....	Lewis C. Johnson....	David McCoull.
	Globe, " 113	Frank A. Peterson...	William L. Dowling...	Euclair E. Sweet.....	Isaac B. Lonneker.
	Wisner, " 114	Lincoln Riley.....	George W. Mooney....	Charles H. Hoff.....	Jacob Frickel, Jr.
	Harlan, " 116	Daniel Jandebour....	William Everson.....	Esker M. Cox.....	Philetus P. Bentley.
100	Hardy, " 117	William E. Gillilan...	Thomas D. Griffin....	James C. Gavin.....	James H. Fair.
	Doric, " 118	William Freidell....	Samuel H. Weston....	John G. Potter.....	J. Frank Longanecker.
	North Bend, " 119	John R. Tapster.....	Charles A. Millar....	Charles K. Watson....	Asa J. Farnham.
	Wayne, " 120	Lambert W. Roe.....	Harvey S. Ringland...	Gilbert J. Green.....	J. Murray Cherry.
	Superior, " 121	Clarence E. Stine....	James Frank Nelson...	W. Frank Mitchell....	Marcellus L. Pierce.
105	Auburn, " 124	Frederick Markland...	Thomas F. Horn.....	Alexander R. Peery...	Charles E. Eustice.
	Mount Nebo, " 125	Benjamin Person.....	E. Alfred Lundberg...	Charles R. Wright....	C. John Eln.
	Stromsburg, " 126	Edward P. Pike.....	John C. Malster.....	Benoni S. Keck.....	James D. Edwards.
	Minden, " 127	Henry Petersen.....	Charles A. Chappell...	Clinton H. Tarkington.	Galusha L. Godfrey.
	Guide Rock, " 128	John H. Crary.....	Isaac B. Colvin.....	Hugh S. Reed.....	Earl B. Crary.
110	Blue Hill, " 129	Dean W. Fay.....	Andrew D. McNeer....	Joseph R. Hogate....	Albert D. Ranney.
	Tuscan, " 130	William Kunzman....	Don Severn.....	Daniel Dixon.....	Amasa S. Chapman.
	Scribner, " 132	Harold Christy.....	Richard A. B. Lane....	Fred Dietz.....	Waldemar G. Henatsch.
	Elm Creek, " 133	George W. Witmer....	William E. Monahan...	Edward Asay.....	Rufus Price.
	Solar, " 134	Mads M. Kokjer.....	LaVerne R. Porter...	Lucius C. Lawson....	William R. Morse.
115	McCook, " 135	Robert J. Gunn.....	Frederick L. Wolff....	Henry Best.....	Charles L. Fahnstock.
	Long Pine, " 136	Ephriam O. Merritt...	James D. Rose.....	Charles M. Robinson..	John S. Davison.
	Upright, " 137	John F. Cox.....	Carl A. Yape.....	Joseph R. Rauh.....	Paul B. Nielson.
	Rawalt, " 138	J. Harvey Sherwood...	Charles P. Hamilton...	Edwin A. Luke.....	Aaron J. Cole.
	Clay Centre, " 139	Earl Fryar.....	Arthur S. Kyne.....	Mervin Patterson....	Charles C. Blanchard.
120	Western, " 140	Marshal J. Rhynolds..	Lincoln L. Jenkins....	Edward Timmel.....	Horace B. Wilkinson.
	Crescent, " 143	Daniel H. Tate.....	Stanley Maly.....	Sidney M. Wilson....	William A. Gibson.
	Kenesaw, " 144	Elbert J. Latta.....	Allan S. Howard.....	Herman R. Coplin....	Liberty M. Robinson.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Omaha,

	Bancroft,	No. 145	Edward H. Mack.....	William Craig.....	Charles S. Stenert.....	Ross E. Cates.
	Jachin,	" 146	Charles A. Galloway...	Ed. J. Pierce.....	Royal G. Phelps.....	Ward C. Hunt.
125	Siloam,	" 147	Levi C. Reichard.....	Paul M. Consigny.....	Jacob Kraft.....	Horace Shank.
	Emmet Crawford,	" 148	Horace F. Kennedy....	Chalmers H. England..	James McMillan.....	George B. Mair.
	Jewel,	" 149	Sidney L. Mumau.....	Frank Ainsworth.....	Arnold C. Blattspieler.	Richard G. Drysdale.
	Cambridge,	" 150	Frederic T. Daly.....	Phillip J. McManus...	Harley J. Porter.....	Chester A. Prysby.
	Square,	" 151	William G. Johnson...	Adison J. Giles.....	William C. Elmelund..	William Bays.
130	Parallel,	" 152	John H. Geer.....	Guy W. Stahl.....	Raymond T. Moore....	William B. Beck.
	Evergreen,	" 153	Rees L. Thomas.....	Arthur Oelke.....	Herman J. Hecht.....	William B. Chilvers.
	Lily,	" 154	C. Hugo Seidel.....	Albert N. Long.....	I. Good Beam.....	Melvin M. Jennings.
	Hartington,	" 155	David E. Ewing.....	Claude M. Baird.....	Glen W. Darling.....	Robert O. Bartlett.
	Pythagoras,	" 156	Andrew J. Davis.....	Samuel W. Brion, Jr..	William D. Baxter....	Garret H. Benson, Jr.
135	Valley,	" 157	Claude Flemming.....	Edward J. Hamilton..	George M. Cady.....	Amos W. Hunt.
	Samaritan,	" 158	Robinson B. McFadon..	Ernest G. Trager....	Edwin D. Crites.....	John H. Morgan.
	Ogalalla,	" 159	Benjamin W. Cooney..	Leroy A. Devoe.....	Archie L. Searle.....	Hale M. Hunt.
	Zeredatha,	" 160	James F. Gregory....	Winfield S. Willoughby	John Willoughby.....	Jerome E. Beachler.
	Mount Zion,	" 161	John Raitt.....	Milton J. Arner.....	Clark W. Moon.....	C. Oscar Olson.
140	Trestle Board,	" 162	Sidney W. Maynard...	Charles H. Livingston.	Elsy F. Horn.....	Almon C. DePue.
	Unity,	" 163	John E. Wiedeman....	Edwin Metcalf.....	Ed. A. Montgomery...	Laurence H. Daft.
	Atkinson,	" 164	Elsworth J. Mack.....	William Dickerson....	Harry A. Snyder.....	Alexander Searl.
	Barneston.	" 165	Seth S. Ratliff.....	Myron E. Spooner....	Hugh A. Spencer.....	George H. Hauer.
	Mystic Tie,	" 166	Benjamin H. Mills....	Adolph N. Snider....	John D. Askwith.....	John F. Newhall.
145	Elwood,	" 167	Walter L. Tilden.....	George Burt.....	Charles Smith.....	Hiram A. Willard.
	Curtis,	" 168	Charles S. Adams.....	Frank C. Thorne.....	Hugh A. Butler.....	Henry E. Langevin.
	Amity,	" 169	Alden C. Plantz.....	Joseph Bell.....	George D. Peck.....	Zadok T. Daniel.
	Mason City,	" 170	Robert B. Walker.....	Arthur C. Rumery....	Charles D. Lamb.....	Edwin G. Burrows.
	Merna,	" 171	Robert R. Duncan....	Lester J. Corlett.....	Henning C. Johnson...	Arch Parr.
150	Grafton.	" 172	Albert Holmes.....	Leslie L. Miles.....	Charles A. Shoff.....	Christian Garrett.
	Robert Burns,	" 173	Francis M. Pfrimmer..	Columbus C. Vennum..	Frank Milliken.....	F. George Burchelle.
	Culbertson,	" 174	Henry Kleven.....	Arvene C. Eisenhart..	James S. Ferrier.....	John A. Kirk.
	Temple,	" 175	Horace M. Miller.....	Charles A. Burbank...	James M. Veach.....	Edwin J. Carter.
	Gladstone,	" 176	Levi C. Pringle.....	James H. Kerr.....	N. Dwight Ford.....	Chas. H. F. Steinmeier.
155	Hay Springs,	" 177	William Waterman....	John E. Gilmore.....	Russell E. Montgomery	William R. Bowman.
	Prudence,	" 179	James R. Barnes.....	Verdon D. Johnson....	Ernest E. Beecher....	John A. Witter.
	Justice,	" 180	George W. Druliner...	Claud B. Walthall....	John F. Hageman.....	Chris. A. Ratcliffe.
	Faith,	" 181	J. Walter Moyer.....	Orville R. Ivins.....	Benjamin Itzkovetch..	Augustus L. Moyer.

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LODGE		MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY
	Incense,	No. 182 Frank J. Sieber.....	William G. McFarland.	Robert Muir.....	Paul W. Evans.
160	Alliance,	" 183 James H. H. Hewett...	Henry Rennau.....	William M. Hersh.....	Leon H. Mosher.
	Bee Hive,	" 184 Arthur H. Murdock...	Halbert H. Roberts...	Frank E. Ames.....	Charles MacAdam.
	Boaz,	" 185 Loyal T. Parker.....	William H. Harris....	Marion J. Walters....	Edgar Eno.
	Israel,	" 187 Anson B. Andrew.....	Edward Northway....	Joseph H. Blair.....	John Burky.
	Meridian,	" 188 Charles H. Sandquist..	George S. Doty.....	Joseph H. Sayer.....	John T. Buckley.
165	Granite,	" 189 Ira A. Kirk.....	George R. Little.....	Oscar K. Campbell....	James G. Walker.
	Amethyst,	" 190 Franklin R. Hogeboom	Henry A. Tunnell....	Charles R. Cobb.....	Otis L. Newkirk.
	Crystal,	" 191 Obadiah B. Bundy....	Frank Miller.....	John Sears.....	Stephen T. Grohosky.
	Minnekadusa,	" 192 Walter W. Wells.....	Edgar D. Spencer....	James A. Lewis.....	Thomas C. Hornby.
	Signet,	" 193 Jacob A. Kibler.....	Charles D. Eby.....	Frank B. Schultz.....	Herman P. Buhman.
170	Highland,	" 194 Melvin E. Darnell....	John S. Bonebright...	Frank H. Brown.....	John F. Bunte.
	Arcana,	" 195 Dwight H. Griswold...	Lynn S. Thompson....	Bruce H. Hewett.....	Charles B. Selbig.
	Level,	" 196 Johnson W. Bliss.....	George C. Herman....	James M. Gammill....	Luke H. Cheney.
	Morning Star,	" 197 William Davidson....	James E. Hart.....	William S. Robinson..	Samuel A. Tobey.
	Purity,	" 198 Charles Hoffmeister..	Frank McLain.....	James E. Burke.....	Perlee W. Scott.
175	Gavel,	" 199 J. G. Wm. Westerhoff.	Nath. C. Eastabrooks.	Harvey J. Miller.....	Walter R. Eastabrooks.
	Blazing Star,	" 200 William C. Johns.....	Eugene E. Troxell....	John A. Beynon.....	Robert W. Hanna.
	Scotts Bluff,	" 201 James P. Westervelt..	Charles B. Sands....	George W. Sampson...	Enos S. DeLaMatter.
	Golden Sheaf,	" 202 R. Irving Oliver.....	George I. Reed.....	*Frank J. Stewart.....	William R. Cain.
	Roman Eagle,	" 203 Ried A. Thomas.....	Harry E. Custer.....	Wilbur A. Racely.....	Charles S. Hughes.
180	Plainview,	" 204 Martin Sorenson.....	Fred W. Ebinger.....	Paul A. Woodworth...	Abel Buckingham.
	Golden Fleece,	" 205 Albert B. Persinger...	George A. Soeten....	Lewis R. Barlow.....	Guy C. Neumann.
	Napthali,	" 206 William A. Snyder.....	Arthur E. Price.....	Harry Bauguess.....	Ora J. Mayborn.
	Parian,	" 207 Harvey S. Mahan.....	Nicholas O. Troyer...	John E. Felker.....	Henry H. Andrews.
	Gauge,	" 208 Charles H. Downing...	Elijah A. Rhynolds...	Samuel Guye.....	Jan M. Herbert.
185	Canopy,	" 209 William L. Atchison...	James Berry.....	Walter G. Box.....	William N. Minford.
	East Lincoln,	" 210 Jonathan H. Gleason..	George C. Lamb.....	A. Otis Strickler.....	Rollin H. George.
	Cement,	" 211 Rosecrans R. Root....	A. Shuford Wiseman..	F. E. Jerome Paulk...	Charles E. Towne, act.

*Elected; no report of installation.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Omaha,

	Compass & Square, No. 212	John H. Bliss.....	Oliver W. Millhouse...	Roy W. Johnson.....	Gustav Hald.
	Square & Compass," 213	Elmer F. Wagner....	Charles M. Houston...	Charles D. Rollings...	Lester W. Hall.
190	Plumbline, " 214	James W. McKibben..	George H. Kretzer...	Harvey Y. Francis....	John E. Killen.
	Occidental, " 215	Walter A. Harmon....	Ulysses S. Sampson...	Andrew G. Allender...	Robert J. Fleming.
	Palisade, " 216	Hugh B. Ashmore....	Frank L. Chase.....	Oliver W. Willis.....	James S. Liston.
	Wauneta, " 217	Clifford R. Woods....	Arthur J. Gummere...	*James W. Shrigley....	*Orville D. Higley.
	Bloomfield, " 218	Cornelius T. Heckt...	Henry C. Peterson....	J. Harvey Mettlen....	Joachim J. Barge.
195	Relief, " 219	George H. Peck.....	Nels Lindquist.....	Walter A. Bladen....	Franz T. Miller.
	Magnolia, " 220	Morris H. Evans.....	Julius H. Bonderson..	Glen I. Smith.....	George H. Haase.
	Wood Lake, " 221	William F. Parker....	Oscar W. McDaniel...	James A. Morris.....	Henry Lausen.
	Landmark, " 222	Charles R. Gray.....	Elzy King.....	G. Otis Yowell.....	Earl C. Burdic.
	Eminence, " 223	Charles S. Fry.....	Charles W. Wagner...	I. Clyde York.....	Frank W. Mather.
200	Silver Cord, " 224	H. C. Van Valkenburg.	Tyre K. Jones.....	Patrick W. Murphy...	Theodore E. Ritter.
	Cable, " 225	John Finch.....	Charles C. Ross.....	William T. Watkins...	William C. Beltz.
	Grace, " 226	Arthur E. Newton....	Ira M. Rhoades.....	Arell L. Marsteller...	I. Lee Marsteller.
	North Star, " 227	Charles H. Roper....	Isaac D. Ames.....	Howard M. Wineland..	George H. Barber.
	Bartley, " 228	Francis M. Jennings..	William F. West.....	James A. Finnigan....	John E. Ford.
205	Comet, " 229	Peter K. Biggerstaff..	Graham A. Powell....	Albert H. Stevens....	Ray R. Turney.
	Delta, " 230	J. Stewart Kennedy...	Thomas B. Wood.....	Eugene E. Fellers....	Alfred Powell.
	Mount Hermon, " 231	William Whalen.....	James T. Hunt.....	Herbert O. Paine....	Alfred Witt.
	John S. Bowen, " 232	John Blaco.....	Merton C. Grover....	Edward E. Cashman..	August F. Schafer.
	Gilead, " 233	Robert V. Wilson....	Perry F. Trimble....	Daniel R. Francis....	John R. Beatty.
210	Zion, " 234	James H. Monahan...	William H. Prettyman.	Frederic L. Perrett...	Isador D. Whaley.
	Fraternity, " 235	William T. Prince....	Gilbert E. French....	Gustave A. Mittelstadt.	Clyde T. Ecker.
	Golden Rule, " 236	*John F. Pomeroy....	*Elmer Surber.....	*Charles S. Wilson....	*Vernon W. McDonald
	Cubit, " 237	Allen H. Hostetter...	Sidney A. Hazelton..	Smith H. Carpenter...	Imon T. Hensley.
	Friendship, " 239	Adolph J. Frimann...	William H. Coreilius..	Frank J. Ritter.....	Elza Ury.
215	Pilot, " 240	Thomas Hanson.....	Andrew R. Hanson....	Delbert E. Lyon.....	Charles McMonies.
	George Armstrong, " 241	Walter D. Romans....	Al L. McPherson....	William T. Minier....	Robert F. Whitney.
	Tyrian, " 243	John Q. Johnston....	James O. Moore.....	Grover G. Scroggin...	Vincent P. Britts.
	Sincerity, " 244	Thomas L. White....	Luther B. Baker.....	Warren R. Hall.....	Henry G. Whitney.
	Hampton, " 245	Leroy Cox.....	F. Herman Cox.....	Marion Marlow.....	Stephen C. Houghton.
220	Nehawka, " 246	Raymond C. Pollard...	William A. Taylor....	John G. Wonderlich...	David D. Adams.
	Corner-stone, " 247	Henry E. Dally.....	Francis D. Ferris....	Jesse R. Long.....	Boyd S. Leedom.
	Laurel, " 248	Nelson Utter.....	William R. Trow.....	Waite G. Barbour....	Joseph F. Guss.
	Gothenburg, " 249	John H. Kelly.....	Milan S. Moore.....	Clifford T. Winters...	Willis M. Stebbins.

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LODGE	MASTER	SENIOR WARDEN	JUNIOR WARDEN	SECRETARY	
	Geo. Washing'n, No. 250	Larsh S. Gillman.....	Edwin O. Martin.....	James L. Biddlecom...	Frank B. Young.
225	Wausa, " 251	Peter H. Peterson.....	Byron F. Stetson.....	Frank C. Genung.....	William Berridge.
	Hildreth, " 252	Herman S. Kirkbride...	Hugh G. Ware.....	Albertus Anderson....	Winfield S. Marr.
	Beemer, " 253	Harry A. Crosby.....	Wilhelm H. Hille.....	Carl Brinkman.....	Edwin Albright.
	Bassett, " 254	Harry E. Artus.....	Frank L. Hutton.....	George A. Hillburg....	Hubert W. Bartlett
	Bradshaw, " 255	Chancy B. Palmer, Jr.	George V. Dorsey.....	Edward B. Koon.....	Emile C. Roggy.
230	Hickman, " 256	William W. Cook.....	Thomas Coyne.....	Mitchell M. Franey....	John T. Weatherhogg.
	Holbrook, " 257	Albert M. Keyes.....	Frank Purvis.....	Sherman Ball.....	Stephen A. Wolfe.
	Anselmo, " 258	Charles E. Bass.....	Daniel T. Kepler....	Walter C. Moulton....	Chalmers G. Empfield.
	Bee, " 259	James Kudrna.....	Emery A. Hall.....	Albert J. Batchelder...	Arthur Soss.
	Springview, " 260	Charles S. Pettit.....	Samuel Dietrick.....	George E. Ballard....	John Scheie.
235	Ornan, " 261	William D. Spicknall..	Willie J. Woods.....	Edward J. Wiese.....	Eugene E. Bradstreet.
	Endeavor, " 262	Arthur C. Crabtree....	James Boldman.....	Walter C. Smith.....	Charles H. Russell.
	Mitchell, " 263	Charles H. Blackburn..	James T. Whitehead..	Alfred J. Stewart.....	Henry E. Russell.
	Franklin, " 264	Leroy P. Crittenden..	Carl L. Wright.....	Louis C. Churchill.....	Jesse H. Naden.
	Rob't W. Furnas, " 265	Alson J. Shumway....	*Clarence G. Steen....	Clarence G. Steen....	Allen B. McCoskey.
240	Silver, " 266	Charles R. Metzger....	Solomon C. Towslee...	John W. Jackman.....	Percy H. Bell.
	James A. Tulleys, " 267	Edward R. Green.....	H. Allen Gatewood....	Carl J. Boyles.....	Dwight R. Thomas.
	Geo. W. Lininger, " 268	William McCormack....	Thomas F. Bourke....	Richard C. Jordan....	John Nicholson.
	Riverside, " 269	E. Earle Nickerson....	Floyd P. Cooley.....	W. Lloyd Eckley.....	Dana M. Dodge.
	Huntley, " 270	James O. Merryman....	Sven P. Peterson.....	William Lowe.....	Charles L. Ray.
245	Oasis, " 271	James W. Carson.....	Orsemus W. Asa.....	Silas J. Medlin.....	Alfred A. Kearney.
	Lee P. Gillette, " 272	John B. Lichtenwallner	Wilber W. Anness....	Elmer P. Swain.....	Steph. M. Scarborough.
	Crofton, " 273	Don D. Talcott.....	Alvah Everton.....	Charles Ruden.....	Ginnis Gunderson.
	Olive Branch, " 274	Cecil R. Boughn.....	Charles H. Taylor....	Ray L. Grosvenor....	Adelbert P. Coleman.
	Ramah, " 275	Ward F. Dobbin.....	Jacob S. Clayton....	George O. Fairchild..	Roscoe J. Slater.
250	Antelope, " 276	William H. Campbell..	Charles H. Stockdale..	Samuel T. Jackson....	Paul L. Conwell.
	Sioux, " 277	William H. Davis.....	Fern S. Baker.....	Charles H. Unitt.....	Cyrus O. Wertz.
	Litchfield, " 278	Charles A. Rydberg....	Charles W. Benson....	George W. Wolfe.....	Bertram H. Achenbach.

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REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Lodge:

Herewith we submit our annual report on correspondence. We have reviewed all proceedings of other Grand Lodges received before sending our manuscript to the printer. Statistics will be found in a table appended, and are so placed to be more convenient for reference than if mingled with the body of the report.

CHARLES J. PHELPS,
For the Committee.

ALABAMA, 1910.

December 6th, at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Montgomery, the ninetieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Lawrence H. Lee, Grand Master, with all but one of its Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and seven of its chartered lodges in attendance.

Generally, Grand Masters, in opening their annual addresses, emphasize some leading feature of Freemasonry, its history, teachings, its principles, and its progress, affording the reader pleasure and valuable information. Grand Master Lee's opening is a valuable contribution to this class of Masonic literature.

He reports the organization of thirteen new lodges under dispensations; the granting of dispensations to two lodges to continue work until the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, they having forfeited their charters by failure to be represented in the Grand Lodge for two successive years, and two where the charters had been lost, and to five where they had been ordered by the Grand Lodge. He had also issued several authorizing lodges to sell, or mortgage their property, and had laid corner-stones. He had granted a great many special dispensations to ballot on candidates and confer degrees out of time, and had visited some of his lodges.

His Grand Lodge, and those of Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia, have by standing resolution adopted what he is pleased to call "state comity." That is, citizens in either state living within five miles of the state line and nearer a lodge across the line, may petition such lodge, receive the degrees and become members thereof. Our own Grand Lodge, and others, have like regulations, but to the writer it seems to infringe upon the fundamental principles under which the American doctrine of the exclusive sovereign jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge, and its co-extensiveness with that of the state in which it is situated, became established.

The American doctrine, as its name implies, originated in this country, but it is almost universally recognized throughout the English-speaking world. It developed with the organization of state Grand Lodges, following our forefathers' Declaration of Independence in 1776. One of our great civil jurists, Simon Greenleaf, also a great Masonic writer, the leader in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Maine and for two years its Grand Master, in discussing the principles involved in the establishment of a Grand Lodge in each state gave as a reason: "As every Mason owes allegiance to the civil authority under which he lives, as well as submission to the Grand Lodge, if the members of the latter were not amendable to the same laws with himself, a most injurious opposition might arise between his duties as a citizen and as a Mason."

Sixteen lodges under dispensations were granted charters, and nine were continued under dispensations. The Committee on Masonic Home reported that it had agreed upon a plan which they believed "will give to Alabama a most modern and comfortable Home, and in architectural design and modern convenience second to none in this country." Contracts for building have been made and the building completed will cost \$110,000.00.

An amendment to their constitution provides:

The fee for initiating a candidate to the first degree of masonry shall not be less than \$15.00 for the second degree \$5.00, and for the third degree \$10.00, *provided* that any Lodge shall be authorized to confer any or all of these degrees upon clergymen who are actively engaged in the exercise of their ministerial functions for one-half of the regular fee charged for each degree, but in no case less than \$7.50 for the first degree, \$2.50 for the second degree and \$5.00 for the third degree.

A very large amount of routine business was transacted.

W. Brother William Y. Titcomb again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and sixty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1909, receiving generous consideration. Quite full summary of proceedings, with brief comment mark Brother Titcomb's excellent reviews.

M. W. Lawrence H. Lee, Montgomery, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, is Grand Secretary.

ALBERTA, 1910.

May 25th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Calgary, the fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M. W. J. T. Macdonald, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a large number of permanent members and representatives from the subordinate lodges in attendance. The mayor of the city, Brother R. R. Jamieson, in an eloquent address, welcomed the members of the Grand Lodge to the city.

The Grand Master opened his address without any suggestion whatever, that the year had swiftly passed away. We knew it had, however, for in all the other annual addresses we have read, it was testified to.

The death of King Edward, their most Gracious Sovereign, in Masonry our Most Worshipful Brother, occasioned an exchange of cabled messages with Lord Strathcona, Canadian High Commissioner, at London, expressing, on the part of the Grand Master, for his Grand Lodge, deep sympathy with Queen Alexandra and other members of the Royal Family in their bereavement, and a response and an expression of the heartfelt gratitude of the Queen Mother, the new King, and the Royal Family.

In eloquent words, he pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead. He reports having visited every one of their fifty-three subordinate lodges during the year, and speaks most encouragingly of conditions; he reports the instituting of eight lodges under dispensation; the constituting of three under charter; the dedication of three new Masonic Temples; the laying of two corner-stones; the granting of a good many special dispensations, one only of which, was to confer degrees out of time.

He reports but one decision and in closing he praises his Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother George Macdonald, and admonishes all his brethren to continue in good works. He says he finds his brethren from one end of their jurisdiction to the other in sympathy with the establishment of a Masonic Home, for which a considerable fund, \$3,659.89, is already contributed, and for a young jurisdiction it seems almost marvelous.

The Grand Secretary's annual report is most complete. We think that while at Olds, Alberta, some ten or twelve years ago, we met Dr. Macdonald, but perhaps we are in error.

They have the system of District Deputy Grand Masters. These all report conditions, and their reports are published in the volume of proceedings under review.

Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and others were continued under dispensation.

There is no general report on correspondence.

M. W. J. J. Dunlop, Edmonton, is Grand Master.

M. W. George Macdonald, Calgary, is Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS, 1910.

November 15th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Little Rock, the sixty-eighth regular communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. A. J. Witt, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a very large number of representatives from 466 of their 540 chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master records the death, on March 18th, 1910, of Past Grand Master William K. Ramsey, and pays appropriate fraternal tribute to his memory.

The Grand Master urges the continuance of their plan of securing uniformity of work, which involves a Grand Lecturer, several custodians of the work and District Deputy Grand Masters. These, under the supervision of the Grand Lecturer, hold annually a school of instruction, and then go out to the lodges to carry on the work. The same plan in effect, obtains in many of the older jurisdictions.

He records a few decisions involving, only, some of those simple questions which every Mason should be able to decide for himself, and then proceeds to urge upon officers and members of the lodges their duty to read the constitution, by-laws, edicts, and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, furnished by the Grand Lodge, at its expense, and quietly reposing in the archives of each lodge.

He gives an example of one Master of a lodge, who, notwithstanding a published edict of the Grand Lodge, prohibiting the use of any printed rituals, had purchased one sold to the unwary, and he and the officers of the lodge, were using it in conferring degrees. When the Grand Master wrote the Master a strong letter, calling his attention to their law, the Master professed his ignorance of it.

He had instituted ten lodges under dispensation; had dedicated lodge rooms and laid corner-stones. He visited their Orphans' Home, and says: "I don't think I ever enjoyed a day better in my life. It thrilled me with pride to see the Home with the many happy and contented children, the wards of Masonry, all attentive and obedient to the superintendent, matron and teacher. They are all attached to each other and seem like a big family."

We are surprised to find him assuming an attitude, questioning the advisability of erecting at Alexandria, Virginia, a monument to the memory of Washington, the Mason; and amazed to find him saying that if the movement were to commemorate the memory of the illustrious Pike, then his attitude might, and would be changed.

We are pleased to find in a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence the following:

We note with pleasure the upward tendency of Masonry, as manifested by the decisions in many of our Grand Jurisdictions, in shutting the doors of Masonry to those who are either directly or indirectly engaged in the liquor or other disreputable and immoral lines of business.

A man's conduct and his business are both outward reflections of his inward character, and Masonry being a conservator and preserver of the true and the good, should never wink at or tolerate such forms of evil; but upon the contrary, should place its disapproval upon it in no uncertain terms.

In some form or other, the liquor question has received consideration in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction in the United States, and all of them, save one, have imposed restrictions on the members within the jurisdiction. The one referred to gives each subordinate Lodge complete jurisdiction over the members in reference to the matter of temperance, while all the others have enacted comprehensive and positive law on the subject.

The saloon has become so great a menace to the moral upbuilding of the world at large, that Masonry can not maintain its integrity without in some manner putting its stamp of disapproval upon the evil; and to give effect thereto, but reflects the wisdom of the Grand Jurisdictions. What is here said with reference to this matter is but a reflection of what the different Grand Jurisdictions have expressed in their different laws.

The review, covering ninety-three pages and reviewing the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Lodges, is written by Brother George T. Black. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended fraternal and favorable notice.

M. W. F. G. Lindsey, Bentonville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Fay Hempstead, Little Rock, is Grand Secretary.

ARIZONA, 1910.

February 8th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Tucson, the twenty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Fletcher Morris Doan, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from sixteen of the nineteen chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead, recording that of three of their Past Grand Masters during the year, M. W. Brothers Ansel M. Bragg, their oldest, and their first, George Shand, and Francis M. Zuck. While he had answered questions propounded, he reports no decisions. He had exchanged courtesies with New Mexico in the matter of waivers of jurisdiction over candidates and the conferring of degrees upon the request of lodges in the two jurisdictions, had exchanged representatives with the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, and he had authorized the Grand Secretary to reprint and distribute copies of their constitution with amendments and approved decisions. He reports a very interesting occasion, President Taft's passing through the territory, when he had the pleasure of delivering to him an invitation of the Master of Aztlan Lodge No. 1, requesting his presence at a special meeting of that lodge, which the President graciously accepted, although it was an infringement upon his program; the Grand Master attended him, and says that the lodge register shows the registration of William Howard Taft, of Kilwinning Lodge No. 356, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The finances of the Grand Lodge are in a prosperous condition, with a balance of \$25,667.07, more than \$11,000.00 of which is in their Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

On the recommendation of Past Grand Master Anthony A. Johns, from the Committee on Correspondence, the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina was recognized and they thereby entered into fraternal relations. In the request of the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina and accompanying circular received, the familiar recitals on the part of the officers of that organization are contained. Its defense of the Grand Orient of France, with which it is in close fraternal relations, prompts declarations in direct conflict with well known facts as to the Grand Orient. One of which declarations is that "the Grand Orient of France *is not atheistic.*" Yet, notwithstanding our ancient landmarks, one, and a principal one, requires from every candidate a belief in God, The Great Architect of the Universe, yet the Grand Orient many years ago, abolished this requirement and glories in its attitude. Everybody, except the writer of this circular for the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, has regarded the Grand Orient of France as atheistic to the core.

When the Grand Lodge of Belgium entered into fraternal relations, Drummond, writing for the Grand Lodge of Maine, said: "If a Grand Body holds Masonic correspondence with the Grand Orient of France and admits the members of its obedience as visitors, any Mason visiting any of the bodies of its obedience of such a Grand Body, is of course, liable to sit with and thereby recognize visitors from the Grand Orient of France, which we cannot allow the craft in Maine to do." We cannot believe that our good brethren of Arizona have, as they say, carefully considered the claims and request of the Swiss Grand

Body, at least, not with a full understanding of all the entanglements of that body in its alliance with all manner of clandestine organizations, including, it is said, several negro organizations in America of the Prince Hall brand.

There is no general report on correspondence.

M. W. Frank Thomas, Phoenix, is Grand Master.

M. W. George J. Roskrige, Tucson, is Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1910.

June 23d, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Cranbrook, the thirty-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, by M. W. Harry N. Rich, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a very large attendance of representatives from the subordinate lodges.

In opening his address the Grand Master extends hearty greeting to his brethren, and tells us that the year had been a successful one for the Craft, and that during his visits among the lodges he found Masonry increasing in interest, in charity, and in efficiency. Among his rulings, we are surprised to find the following:

The Secretary of Mount Hermon Lodge No. 7, asked if The Order of the Eastern Star might be permitted to use the Masonic Hall for their meetings. In answer I referred to Clause 157 of the Constitution and to the rulings of Most Worshipful Bros. Downie and McMicking, whilst M. W. Bro. F. Bowser in his permit to Youkon Lodge, who had then only just come into this jurisdiction, was only until "other arrangements could be made," and being in accord with these previous rulings, I refused the permission. At the same time, there being several other Lodges making the same request, I instructed the V. W. Grand Secretary to issue a circular to all Lodges in the Jurisdiction, of this ruling.

In other decisions we find him holding that an applicant who has lost one eye is eligible for the degrees; that only Master Masons are entitled to lodge notices, "at the same time whenever the Lodge is to be at work in the second degree, and there are F. C.'s belonging to the Lodge the latter should be notified," and that a man is not eligible for membership who has lost his left hand at the wrist.

He made a great many official visits to his lodges, usually accompanied by some of his associate Grand Officers. We are glad to find among his general remarks the following:

On the 7th of May, on hearing of the death of His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward the Seventh, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the sincere regrets of our Grand Lodge were cabled to the Grand Lodge of England, and I ordered all Lodges in this Jurisdiction to be draped as a mark of respect for our Most Worshipful Brother, whose health as Protector of the Craft we have so often toasted, whose influence for peace and good-will amongst men was the admiration of mankind, who lived in close relationship with his sub-

jects, nourishing the welfare of his people, relieving the necessities of the poor and whose life doings may be summarized in the word "Humanity" in its widest sense.

The Deputy Grand Master, and the several District Deputy Grand Masters, each submitted interesting reports, all evincing fraternal zeal, through which, Masonry, in that Grand Jurisdiction is maintained on a high plane of excellency.

The report of Brother W. A. DeWolf-Smith, Grand Librarian, is interesting, and shows a live interest in building up a Grand Lodge library.

A very entertaining address, by the Grand Chaplain, V. W. Brother Rev. H. G. Fiennes-Clinton, upon the subject: "Friendship, morality and brotherly love," will find appreciation with those who delight in Masonic literature. Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

R. W. W. A. DeWolf-Smith again presents the report on correspondence, covering sixty pages. Nebraska did not reach his table. Of his report, in opening, he says:

We submit herewith our annual review of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges. It is the wittiest we have written so far, if there is any truth in the old adage, but we disclaim any merit on that score. Whether the Grand Lodges which are not reviewed have gone out of business or have simply discontinued publishing their Proceedings we are not in a position to say. The fact remains, however, that the review embraces all those Proceedings which have reached us up to the time of writing.

M. W. Edward B. Paul, Vancouver, is Grand Master.

V. W. Robert E. Brett, Victoria, is Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA, 1910.

October 11th, at Golden Gate Hall, in the city of San Francisco, the sixty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Daniel R. Weller, Grand Master by succession, who fittingly and feelingly announced to the Grand Lodge the death of M. W. Grand Master W. Frank Pierce, to whose memory an eloquent memorial address was delivered by Brother William R. Davis.

The late Grand Master, before his death, had written his annual address. It bears date September 28th, 1910, only sixteen days before the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge. It is concisely written and displays an acquaintance with Masonic history and jurisprudence that well fits one called to administer the affairs of so large and active a Grand Jurisdiction as that of California. He bears testimony of good conditions, saying:

It is gratifying to be able to report that Masonry is prospering throughout the entire jurisdiction. The past year has been one marked by the largest net gain in the history of the Grand Lodge, an increase of nearly twenty-seven hundred members and thirteen new Lodges as well as by great and substantial progress along lines which

lead to better fraternal feeling among Lodges and members. Many elements have co-operated in producing this result, chief among which must be mentioned the increased interest in the work exhibited by the members and officers. As a particular instance exemplifying this it is profitable to mention the large and interesting "get together meeting" in Los Angeles in June of this year on the Anniversary of St. John the Baptist. Invitations were issued to all the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, Chairmen of Committees of Grand Lodge, and to every Mason in the City of Los Angeles. Eight thousand Masons and their families were present and royally entertained by the local Lodges, officially represented by the several Masters and Wardens. It was indeed an enjoyable occasion, and all contributing to its success are entitled to this expressed appreciation of their efforts. It would indeed be well for Masons in other localities to endeavor to "get together" and thus renew the interest of the Brethren in the work of the Craft. It is hoped that the example set in Los Angeles will be followed from time to time in other parts of the jurisdiction.

On the subject of Masonic charity, so characteristic of California, he says:

The universality of Masonry has been held by many of the deepest students of Masonic History to be one of the ancient landmarks and from time immemorial we have taught and thought that "once a Mason always a Mason," and from the earliest times it has been held in our Grand Lodge that to refuse Masonic Charity to those entitled thereto is a great Masonic offense.

He had constituted six lodges under charters; authorized fourteen special communications of the Grand Lodge for the usual purposes; and speaks of their Masonic Homes, at one of which there is being constructed a beautiful modern and commodious hospital, at a cost of \$40,000.00, donated by their Grand Treasurer, V. W. Brother Edward Coleman. His concluding words will be treasured as a blessing by his brethren:

For your generous confidence and support and your cordial manifestations of Fraternal regard I am truly grateful, and may He who presides over the Supreme Grand Lodge bless and prosper you all, and when you are called upon to lay down the Cross and take up the Crown "May His Angels Crown your souls with sweet flowers freshly gathered from the lawns of Paradise."

At the conclusion of the reading of the address, the acting Grand Master, Brother Weller, said:

As we listen to these last words of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, our hearts must be stirred by feelings of deep emotion and sincere sorrow at his untimely taking away.

His temple of Masonic work in our Grand Lodge was near its completion when he was felled by the heavy hand of Death and confusion reigns in our midst. Yet his word is not lost. It remains with us, to guide us along the paths of truth and virtue and to cheer us on our journey.

Though we shall miss his kindly face and genial smile, his wise counsel and thoughtful care, we shall always be truly grateful that we were permitted for so long to have the benefit of his valuable services to our Fraternity.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to twelve lodges under dispensations, and one was continued under dispensation.

The Grand Lodge of California has under its constitution three chartered lodges in the Philippine Islands, and there are also lodges there chartered by the Grand Orient of Spain, and at least one under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The latter admits to its meetings members of the Spanish lodges, and in a communication from one of the California lodges the question is asked as to whether a member of one of the California lodges can sit in the Scotch lodge with a visiting brother from one of the Spanish lodges. The matter has been in the hands of a special committee, which submits a voluminous report, discussing the question of legitimate Grand Lodges, and from its statement we infer that some American and other English-speaking Grand Lodges have extended recognition to the Grand Orient of Spain. We are not so much interested in the arguments and reasons whereby the committee satisfy themselves that said Grand Orient is not a sound Grand Body, as we are in the attitude the committee takes towards several Grand Lodges of undoubted standing, each of which is presumed to be a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge.

The committee recommended the following resolution :

Resolved, that the Grand Lodges of Scotland, Ireland, Maryland, Georgia, Oklahoma, New Zealand, New South Wales and British Columbia be and they are hereby requested to discontinue fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Spain or at our next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California give their reasons why such Lodges have entered into fraternal intercourse with said Grand Lodges.

While the Committee on Jurisprudence thought that the resolution should not be adopted, yet that committee recommended the publication of the report, which covers some fifteen pages.

M. W. Brother Edward H. Hart again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-six pages. Nebraska, 1909, receives attention. Quoting two or three of our Grand Master's decisions, he explodes a battery of overheated wisdom, and we read :

The above are but specimens of the so-called twenty-three decisions of the Grand Master.

Between nonsensical stuff of this kind and the other extreme represented by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that for twenty-six years has had but one Grand Master and who boasts that during the more than a quarter of a century of his occupancy of the Grand East, he has never rendered a *single decision*, we prefer the Maryland method, where neither decisions, nor Jurisprudence Committees, have been necessary for "time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

That comparisons are odious has been admitted for several centuries, ever since the days of Don Quixote, but that is waived.

The courteous term : "nonsensical stuff," made use of by our California writer, might with more propriety be applied to the supposition that any organization on the earth, among men, having a written, or unwritten, constitution, and a code or other legislative enactments es-

tablishing executive, legislative, and judicial powers, could get along without decisions, such as are denounced by our Brother Hart. Since the days of the Sand Lot orators, and Coxey's Army, nothing equaling it has come out of San Francisco.

M. W. Dana Ried Weller, Los Angeles, is Grand Master.

R. W. John Whicher, San Francisco, is Grand Secretary.

CANADA, 1910.

July 20th, in the city of Belleville, the fifty-fifth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Daniel F. Macwatt, Grand Master, with the principal Grand Officers and representatives from two hundred and sixty-three of the four hundred and four subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master says that the year had been one of the best in the history of the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction. Expressions of loyalty to the throne usually are found in annual addresses of Grand Masters throughout the Empire, and when King Edward died the Grand Master cabled:

On the morning of the 7th of May last, I cabled Her Majesty, expressing on behalf of Grand Lodge, representing nearly 50,000 members, our deepest sympathy in the heavy loss Her Majesty, the Empire and the world had sustained in the death of the King.

On the 9th of May I received the following reply:

"Queen Alexandra sends her sincere thanks to the Grand Lodge of Masons of Canada for their kind sympathy in her bereavement."

He pays tribute to the memory of their deceased Past Grand Master, Alexander A. Stevenson, who died April 9th, 1910, at the age of 81 years.

He reports:

I have made 36 official visits during the year, besides attending at the office of the Grand Secretary when necessary, and at St. Catharines and London in connection with the Benevolent Fund. This necessitated travelling 12,840 miles. Two corner stones were laid, one that of the new hall of Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale, and the other of St. John's Episcopal Church at St. Thomas. I also presided at one institution and nine dedications, a list of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I attended twelve of the seventeen Lodges of Instruction held in fifteen districts; installed the officers of four lodges; attended the funeral of our late Most Worshipful Brother Stevenson, Past Grand Master; and the Memorial Services held by the Masons of Sarnia in their lodge room on the evening of 20th May last, in memory of our late King. The remainder of the visits were official to various lodges throughout the jurisdiction, and extended from Ottawa to Fort Frances. Everywhere I went I was kindly and enthusiastically received as your Grand Master.

I have been in 18 of the 22 districts in the jurisdiction officially, having visited in some part of all, except Nos. 14, 19, 20 and 21.

His year was a very busy one, and he performed many official acts.

In addition to those above mentioned, and details his doings in a somewhat voluminous report, in which he discusses many subjects of interest to the Craft.

Two hundred and thirty-five closely printed pages are occupied with detailed reports of twenty-one of their twenty-two District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge maintains a large fund for benevolence, and expends liberally from it.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a special report on several applications for recognition by Grand Bodies, one in Turkey, and another in Brazil, submits some well considered views; speaking generally the committee says:

Great care should be exercised in establishing fraternal relations with other Grand bodies. That before entering into such relations this Grand Lodge ought to be satisfied that the new bodies practice Ancient Craft Masonry and that only; that they are not dependent upon nor derive authority from, nor have entangling alliances with any other Supreme Council or extraneous authority whatever; and that they acknowledge the existence of and their dependence upon the Great Architect of the Universe. Further, it should be made reasonably plain that these applying bodies can give good promise of being able to carry on Masonic work in a manner to reflect credit upon our order, and that they will be the peers of the Grand Bodies now composing our great confraternity throughout the world. The burden of proof should rest upon the applying bodies. They should give satisfactory evidence of character and standing, just as a petitioner is required to give evidence of character before he can be accepted in a subordinate lodge.

M. W. Brother Augustus T. Freed writes the general report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-two pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy Grand Bodies. Nebraska, 1909, receives generous space and courteous fraternal consideration.

M. W. Daniel F. Macwatt, Sarnia, is Grand Master.

R. W. Robert L. Gunn, Hamilton, is Grand Secretary.

COLORADO, 1910.

September 20th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Denver, the fiftieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George W. Musser, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and twelve of the one hundred and eighteen chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master welcomed and received the Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges, and on behalf of the Grand Representatives W. Brother Haslett P. Burke responded with well considered remarks, explanatory of the importance and usefulness of the system of an exchange of such representatives.

In his address the Grand Master reports a prosperous year; progress in numbers; several lodges had completed new and others had enlarged

their lodge rooms and quarters, and in the aggregate their material prosperity is great, says the Grand Master. Two new lodges had he constituted under charters, and five had he set to work under dispensations. Many courtesies had been extended in waivers of jurisdiction over candidates, between lodges in his own, and in other Grand Jurisdictions, and he had granted a good many special dispensations, not, however, without careful discrimination, for he had refused some. He had visited many of his lodges, and thus describes what he found in one:

On the occasion of my visit to Schiller Lodge No. 41, I had the honor to use, for the first time, a beautiful gavel, which had been presented to the Lodge by Brother Richard Schweitzer. The gavel is made from the tusk of a prehistoric animal. Brother Schweitzer found the tusk at a depth of 75 feet from the surface of the ground on Tenderfoot Creek at Richardson, Alaska, and had the gavel made from it. On one side there is a square and compass, and on the other side there is a tablet in the form of a shield, upon which there is an inscription. The square and compass and the tablet are of solid gold.

Brother William W. Cooper, Grand Lecturer, submits an annual report showing an active year's work among the lodges, and he had inspected every lodge in the jurisdiction, instructing one hundred and fifteen of their one hundred and twenty-three lodges. He recommends the preparation of a monitor to become the authorized monitor in their lodges, and thereby secure uniformity. Nebraska has such a monitor, and by a standing resolution prohibits the use of any other, or any ceremony in conflict with the authorized work, and we think it a wise policy to pursue.

Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

The Grand Lodge, at this communication, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with appropriate ceremony, and an historical address by Grand Secretary Charles H. Jacobson. Two of the three lodges organizing the Grand Lodge were chartered by our Grand Lodge of Nebraska, and Brother John M. Chivington, a clergyman, who earlier had charge of a church at Omaha, was their first Grand Master. The following is related of him:

It was during Most Worshipful Brother Chivington's term as Grand Master that the Civil War broke out. He was a Methodist minister and intensely loyal; six feet, six inches in height, well proportioned and absolutely devoid of personal fear. When the first Colorado regiment was raised Governor Gilpin sent for Chivington and offered him an appointment as Chaplain. Chivington paused for a moment, then, raising himself to his full height, he said in his own earnest and forceful way: "Governor, I have been praying for those disunionists for years, but without avail. They are now in arms against my government; the time calls for action and not for words. I will accept a commission from you, but it must be a fighting commission." And he got it, for the Governor made him a Major.

The writer well remembers Colonel Chivington, who boarded at the Morrison House, in Omaha, in 1868. I was then new in the West, and listened with great interest to Colonel Chivington's discussions of

Omaha in the '50s and Colorado during the Civil War, and the Indian troubles in that state.

Brother Henry M. Teller, United States Senator for many years, was Grand Master in 1862, and for several terms thereafter. At the celebration he also delivered an interesting address.

M. W. Brother Lawrence N. Greenleaf presents his twenty-sixth annual report on correspondence, covering two hundred and twenty-eight pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. His work as a reviewer has not been continuous, for he wrote, he says, his first in 1870, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, is accorded six pages of favorable fraternal consideration. From his conclusion we extract:

New and fruitful themes for discussion have been afforded by the making of a Mason at sight of William Howard Taft, President-elect; the two Conferences of Grand Masters, at Philadelphia and Baltimore, respectively, and the unfortunate controversy that has arisen between the Grand Lodges of Mississippi and New Jersey over the Negro question. We intimated last year that the Committee in Mississippi had probably quietly dropped the matter, since they failed to report last year. But it proved to be a vain expectation, and they returned to the charge "fiercer than ever," and the conflict is now on. We still trust that matters may be amicably adjusted between these two Grand Lodges. We certainly had enough of this question when the Grand Lodge of Washington was on the carpet. It looks so much like a "tempest in a teapot" at this distance, that we cannot get up energy enough to discuss the matter, and we note that the majority of our fellow Reporters are afflicted with "that tired feeling" when the matter is mentioned, and are disposed to avoid it in the hope of an amicable settlement.

M. W. Albert B. McGaffey, Denver, is Grand Master.

R. W. Charles H. Jacobson, Denver, is Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT, 1911.

January 18th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of New Haven, the one hundred and twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Fred A. Verplanck, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Tyler, and representatives from all of their one hundred and ten chartered lodges in attendance.

Opening his address, the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead. They mourn the loss of their Past Grand Master, Fred H. Waldron, their Past Grand Treasurer, John G. Root, and their Grand Tyler, John McCarthy, who died during the year.

The Grand Master, together with his associate Grand Officers, did much visiting among the lodges, and the District Deputy Grand Masters were faithful in performing their duties in visiting and inspecting the lodges. He had granted a goodly number of special dispensations. His decisions present no new questions. He had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges, and exchanged courtesies with other jurisdictions in the matter of waivers of jurisdiction over candidates. He had

attended and assisted in the organization of the Washington Masonic Memorial Association, for the purpose of erecting, at Alexandria, Va., under the auspices of Washington's old lodge, of which he was the first Master, a temple, one floor of which is to be set apart as a memorial hall to be under the control of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States, and he is very much in favor of carrying the work to completion.

The Connecticut Masonic Home receives his earnest support, and he urges a continuance of their present plan, by which, first: ninety cents from every Mason not a thirty-year Mason; second: five dollars from every initiated brother; third: five dollars from every affiliated brother from other jurisdictions, is collected. Their Home supports now about one hundred persons.

The Grand Master compliments the Order of the Eastern Star, and praises it for its good work, saying: "The Order is a veritable handmaid to the Masonic Fraternity. During the year substantial gifts from the Order have been received at the Masonic Home and the cost of extensive repairs have been borne by the Order."

R. W. Brother Frank W. Havens submits an excellent report, as Grand Secretary and Librarian, with valuable suggestions to the Grand Lodge, and the secretaries of the subordinate lodges.

The business of the Grand Lodge was routine, and contains little of general interest.

The Grand Secretary writes the report on correspondence, giving Nebraska, 1910, fraternal consideration. We are glad to quote him, answering the California reviewer:

Finds that to criticise in our custom of going to church upon St. John's Day, and if conditions here were as he surmises his criticisms would be right; but the supposition that the churches in Connecticut are still preaching doctrinal matters is erroneous. Perhaps he does not just understand that these church goings are not to attend regular services, but rather to attend special and Masonic services with lessons drawn from the principles of Masonry and the lives of the Saints John, Masonry's patrons. And upon such an occasion should the clergyman feel called upon to indulge in dogma or state his own sectarian views, he would miss an opportunity to do good unto the brethren which would never, in all probability, be his again. But from the attending of many St. John's Day's services the writer has yet to hear one sentence which would indicate the doctrines held by the church at which he was in attendance. The churches in Connecticut are broad and the clergymen who offer their services for such celebrations are too liberal and too wise to thrust upon their hearers doctrines and creeds.

M. W. Randolph B. Chapman, Madison, is Grand Master.

R. W. Frank W. Havens, Hartford, is Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE, 1910.

October 5th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Wilmington, the one hundred and fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edward B. Mode, Grand Master,

with all the Grand Officers, many Past Grand Officers, Past Masters, and representatives of the chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master expresses his great appreciation of the honor bestowed upon him, and the kindness of his brethren during his administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge. To lay the corner-stones of two churches, he had called the Grand Lodge together in special communications. Through correspondence with other Grand Jurisdictions, courtesies had been exchanged. He had visited, or sent his representatives to great Masonic occasions, Grand Lodge communications, and other doings, in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, and also in Portland, Maine. He granted only three special dispensations, one of which was to authorize the conferring of a degree out of time. He had trouble by reason of one or two lodges trespassing on the jurisdiction of another lodge, and required the trespassing lodge to pay the wronged lodge the fees it would have received had the candidate petitioned the lodge in whose jurisdiction he resided.

He attended the conference of Grand Masters at Baltimore, in 1909, and speaks favorably of that conference as conducive to bringing about greater uniformity, and he recommended a change in their own law, abolishing perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates.

The Grand Master discusses the undertaking to provide a Masonic Home, and he, with three of their Past Grand Masters and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, visited the New Jersey Masonic Home, and he speaks in terms of highest praise of it. He says that there is an earnest desire on the part of his Delaware brethren, although their jurisdiction is small, to establish a Home and carry on the good work; and he recommended the appointment of a committee empowered to purchase property and equip it. Such a committee was authorized, and appointed by the Grand Master.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and Brother Charles H. Callahan, of Virginia, were received as visitors. The latter appealed to the Grand Lodge to recognize the efforts of Washington-Alexandria lodge, of Alexandria, Virginia, to erect a Masonic Hall in that city in commemoration of Brother George Washington, who was its first Master. Grand Lodge gave its approval and appointed a representative to the general body who are in control of the movement.

In that jurisdiction, as in some others, a fair ballot on an application to be made a Mason and admitted a member covers all the symbolic degrees. A vote upon the proficiency of the candidate for advancement must be taken, but not by ballot, which, to the writer, seems the better rule.

Among their approved decisions we find the following:

A Brother who has sat in a Lodge with a Brother can vouch to another Brother with whom he has also sat in Lodge that the first is a Mason, he having sat in Lodge with him. And the second Brother could then vouch for the first Brother without examination. This would be lawful Masonic information. Pro. 1895, page 223.

We are glad to find that a candidate who, having received the degrees of Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft, and who thereafter met with an accident in which he lost his left arm, was not thereby disqualified to receive the degree of Master Mason. This is in accord with the better view, that the rule requiring physical perfection only applies to the profane, and not to a brother who has already been made a Mason. None but Masters, or actual Past Masters, can preside over a lodge and confer any of the degrees.

R. W. Brother Lewis H. Jackson again presents the report on correspondence, covering sixty-seven pages. Nebraska, 1909, receives commendation generally, but especially our Grand Orator Jefferis, who is credited with delivering "a remarkably fine oration on Masonry."

Speaking of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, under North Carolina, he says:

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina is one of the Jurisdictions that still claims perpetual jurisdiction over rejected material, no matter how long since the rejection, nor where the rejected petitioner may be. Fourteen Jurisdictions hold to the same, Delaware included. There is much to be said, pro and con, concerning the doctrine, but we have come to the conclusion that adherence thereto is the safest and wisest course. Waivers of jurisdiction will cover exceptional cases.

M. W. G. Layton Grier, Milford, is Grand Master.

R. W. Virginius V. Harrison, Wilmington, is Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1910.

December 21st, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Washington, the one hundredth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George C. Ober, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from all their twenty-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of their centennial year as one of peace and harmony at home, and not a single unpleasant incident to mar their fraternal relations with other Grand Jurisdictions. He makes record and pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their late Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Eldred Griffith Davis, who died March 22d, 1910.

In the matter of granting special dispensations, he exercised the utmost caution, and refused all but such as exhibited sufficient cause to justify the exercise of the power. He reports one decision, holding that when a petition is regularly received and referred to a committee, it must proceed to a ballot.

He heartily endorses the proposed Washington Memorial Temple, at Alexandria, Va. He, accompanied by his associate Grand Officers, visited all his lodges, as is required by their constitution.

He commends the good work carried on at their Masonic and Eastern Star Home.

M. W. George W. Baird again writes the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-eight pages, and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-six Grand Lodges; Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

Under Mexico he writes a most entertaining review of Masonry in that country, and his estimate of its make-up is certainly not complimentary. Experiment after experiment has been tried; no sooner does a Grand Body perfect an organization than some dissatisfied faction withdraws, and starts something new, and stability is unknown in their attempted Masonic organizations. In connection with his discussion of Mexican matters Brother Baird publishes two letters from Brother W. H. Seamon, formerly of New Mexico, whose criticisms of Mexico, our Brother Ehrhardt was wont to quote. Brother Seamon is now taking an active part as a member and officer in one of the Mexican Grand Lodges, in experimenting on how to shift the scenes and improve conditions. We think it a hopeless, if not a thankless task.

Brother Baird's view is broad, made so, doubtless, by travel and a lively interest in our Order. He speaks of having been in most of the great European monarchies and South American Republics, and his writings reflect his experiences far and near in things Masonic. Under Alabama he pertinently remarks:

The report of the Committee on Suspensions, Expulsions and Appeals is excellent, so far as legality and equity go, but it is a pity that the names and offenses are printed. They furnish the strongest evidence of bad Masons and afford "horrible examples" of which our enemies may take advantage.

M. W. J. Claude Keiper, Washington, is Grand Master.

R. W. Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, is Grand Secretary.

FLORIDA, 1910.

January 18th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Jacksonville, the eighty-first annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, by M. W. Louis C. Massey, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Senior Grand Deacon, and the representatives of one hundred and eighty-four of the one hundred and ninety-one chartered lodges in attendance.

Death had not entered within the official circle of the Grand Lodge, says the Grand Master, in opening his annual address. He reports the constituting of fourteen newly chartered lodges and the instituting of nine under dispensation. To lay corner-stones ten special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held, two for new Masonic Temples, several for churches, and court houses, one for a new Jewish Synagogue, and others for public buildings. He thus discusses the subject:

Under this head I remark, as under the head of "Constituting New Lodges" that it is improper to attempt to open the Grand Lodge in Special Communication when a particular lodge has been authorized to

lay the corner stone. The authority of the Grand Master is wanting. Yet the only form found in the Monitor for the laying of a corner stone, calls for an opening of the Grand Lodge and requires the services of four stationed officers when the particular lodge can furnish only three, so that unless the District Deputy or some Grand Officer is present to preside, the lodge is at a loss to know how to proceed. I recommend that a form for the laying of a corner stone by a particular lodge be prepared in leaflets and distributed as may be thought expedient.

We think that the Grand Master, or one specially deputized by him, only can, or ought to lay a corner-stone.

He had exchanged courtesies with several Grand Masters in the matter of conferring degrees or granting waivers of jurisdiction over candidates. In several, perhaps most, jurisdictions such requests pass through the hands of the Grand Master. With us in Nebraska we think the rule generally has been for the arrangement to be made directly between the lodges interested, which is certainly more expeditiously done.

In speaking of Pennsylvania, he says that "Freemasonry in that State dates back almost to the date of the organization of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717." The writer has been unable to find any authentic account of its existence there earlier than 1730 or 1731, and would be glad to have pointed out to him the evidence upon which the above statement is made.

He expresses himself as strongly opposed to granting special dispensations to confer degrees in less than statutory time, except where, actually, the best interests of the Craft rather than those of the candidate are conserved. Such he granted to the number of twelve. Some of them were to provide work, on his visitations to lodges, and others to advance the progress of those belonging to the army and navy of the United States, and those employed by the government in other branches of public service.

He wisely refused to open a dark ballot on a petition for the degrees, the ballot having been spread a second time according to law; and he refused to grant special dispensations for various purposes, the number of applications for which seems surprising.

He was active in visiting his lodges, as were his District Deputy Grand Masters, who reported to him; and he gives extended accounts of the visitations. We are glad to find him saying under the head of "decisions:"

I have declined, courteously, I trust, to answer questions propounded by individual brethren either hypothetical in form or without reference to some matter in which the Grand Master should at that stage, render an opinion. It is a dangerous practice for the Grand Master to rule upon most questions, or indeed any question which is not before him on full presentation of the facts. Nor is such a practice fair to the Masters of the particular lodges. It is the privilege and duty of the Master to rule in the first instance: according to our Constitution he is supreme in his lodge and must be held to worship, yet I can conceive of no greater humiliation to a Master, after he has made

a decision, than the production of a letter from the Grand Master, by some brother on the floor, making a contrary ruling, based perhaps upon a partial statement or a mis-statement of the case.

From his decisions we extract :

3. May 11. Dade Lodge No. 14—A lodge cannot proceed out of the ordinary course in acting upon petitions for degrees from petitioners in the army and the navy without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

4. August 17. Bradentown Lodge No. 99—Officers in the army of the United States are not exempt from the qualifications of residence required of petitioners for initiation, and if they have resided in the State less than one year, they must be recommended by the lodge under whose jurisdiction they last resided.

5. April 17. Solomon Lodge No. 20—Where in conferring the Entered Apprentice degree, the right arm of the candidate was for the first time found to be rigid at the elbow, the question of eligibility arising out of the defect will be left to the lodge for determination, without dispensation to authorize the conferring of the other degrees.

In another decision he held that a lodge cannot lawfully meet on Sunday for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a Christian church, and he refused to grant authority therefor. The Grand Master's address covers fifty-eight pages and thoroughly presents, not only his official acts, but the reasons for his conclusions in many important matters.

From a special report of the Committee on Correspondence, we quote what should be of interest to all :

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence to whom the M. W. L. Grand Master referred the petitions of the Grand Lodge of Romania, the Grand Orient of Lusitano and the Grand Orient of San Salvador for recognition, beg leave to report that they recommend that the petitions be refused, these organizations not being independent sovereign Grand Lodges.

Regarding the protest of the Grand Lodge of Greece because of the refusal of the Grand Lodge of Florida to recognize that Grand Lodge, we can only reaffirm our refusal. They are not a sovereign Grand Lodge, being simply a subordinate of the Grand Orient of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

There are two so called Grand Lodges in Greece, both of them being under the control of the Grand Orient and each claiming to be the correct one and each declaring the other clandestine. The report of the Grand Orient last year says that almost all the Masonic powers of the Old and the New World hastened to recognize the new organization. Among the powers extending recognition are the Grand Bodies of France, Italy, the Grand Lodges of Germany, Holland, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, the Grand Lodge of United States of America, certain colonies of England, etc.

The last portion of this statement is sufficient in itself to prevent any recognition being accorded by this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of the United States mentioned as having granted recognition is a clandestine organization claiming a domicile in Massachusetts and claiming by, through or under one, Darius Wilson. We cannot affiliate with or associate with any organization, however otherwise correct, who recognizes and affiliates with clandestines and imposters in the territory of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Six lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

M. W. Brother Silas B. Wright again submits the report on correspondence, his eighth, covering one hundred and seventy-eight pages. Last year we took occasion to criticise, under British Columbia, 1900. Brother DeWolf-Smith's copying into his report on correspondence the rant of one A. G. Pitts. Brother Wright, speaking of the same matter, says of the report:

The Correspondence Report is from the pen of R. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf-Smith.

He spoils his report by inserting in full two articles from a so-called Masonic publication in the States. One of the special matters raised and argued is the old "Negro question" as raised by Past Grand Master Upton a few years since. Brother DeWolf-Smith was a supporter of the doctrines of Bro. Upton and generally is found on the opposite side of questions of Masonic practices as supported by the American correspondence writers. The articles published sound like the rantings of a disappointed seeker after official preferment. We read the articles in the paper with a mingled feeling of pity and contempt for the writer.

Nebraska, 1909, receives generous fraternal consideration.

Brother Wright is to be commended for his studious examination of all happenings in the Masonic world. He gives in condensed form an account of what is going on, under the head: "Clandestine Lodges," from which we briefly extract:

Much attention has been given Clandestine Lodges for several years past, and the Grand Lodge of New York has spent many hundreds of dollars prosecuting imposters and defending slander suits. Many judgments have been obtained against the pretenders and they have been prevented from carrying on their swindling games.

Generally the scheme has been to hire a hall, send out notices that a new lodge is to be formed, that Grand Lodge officers are to be present, and all who became charter members will receive the degrees for \$5.00. A certificate of membership is given and a book purporting to be the secret work. The dupes wake up to find that they have nothing.

M. W. Louis C. Massey, Orlando, is Grand Master.

R. W. Wilber P. Webster, Jacksonville, is Grand Secretary.

GEORGIA, 1910.

October 25th, in the city Auditorium, in Macon, the one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry Banks, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a large representation from the subordinate lodges in attendance.

With the ring of Georgia eloquence in his words, the Grand Master, in opening his address, welcomed his brethren to the annual assembly. He thus speaks of the death of their Past Deputy Grand Master, Dr. Charles P. Gordon, who died March 16th, 1910:

The devoted husband, the loving father, the kind friend, the good physician who ministered so gently about the couch of the afflicted, the

soldier of the "Lost Cause," the orator from whose lips sweet words of eloquence fell like precious jewels strung upon golden wires has gone from us. No more shall we meet him upon our checkered floor, or grasp that friendly hand or look into those loving eyes.

He discusses finance, and in doing so, remarks "that a pay roll of \$19,287.80 for a three days' session of this Grand Lodge, and \$6,109.09 for the support of our Masonic Home is not consistent with our professions of love for our distressed brothers, their wives, widows and orphans, and is not good financing."

But he urges the building of a \$100,000.00 Temple, for which an indebtedness of \$75,000.00 will be incurred, and that it be at once undertaken, so that at their next annual communication, the Grand Lodge "will come with songs of joy and gladness to take part in its dedication."

Of their Masonic Home he says:

Crowning the hills upon the banks of the Ocmulgee and overlooking this beautiful city sits the gem of Georgia Masonry, the one monument she has erected in the name of sweet charity. It is our Masonic Home. We have done well by the Home, but we should do more. We have cared for many, but there are many others who should find shelter there from the storms and ills of life. We need room. We are cramped. The old and feeble are surrounded and annoyed with the noise of the young. The aged cannot have that quiet peaceful hours that old age craves. We should have more room, so that the old could be separated from the young.

To visit one hundred and six lodges he had traveled more than fifteen thousand miles, "from the mountains of Union to the marshes of Glynn, from East to West and back again among the hills of Middle to the waving pines of South Georgia." They fed him. "The simple fare of the one has been so seasoned by genuine welcome friendship and brotherly love, that it has tasted as sweet to the palate as the rare, rich viands spread by the profuse hand of brothers more richly blessed with worldly goods." and he details these visits in a most entertaining account of each. To hold meetings and confer degrees out of time he granted many special dispensations. He praises their District Deputies for their earnest, persistent, and faithful efforts to discharge their duties. He answered questions and rendered seventy-eight decisions. Thirty-one newly chartered lodges had he constituted, and he had disposed of several appeals, and much miscellaneous matter, and concludes with ten pages devoted to a laudatory discussion of Freemasonry.

The exemplification of the Masters degree, by the District Deputies, occupied one evening during the session, and was in compliance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisprudence in overhauling the Grand Master's decisions, thus speaks of one of them:

No. 47. Another question submitted was, "how can a Lodge whose Jurisdiction has been invaded, obtain not only the fees but the candidate,

where the invading Lodge has conferred the Entered Apprentice and the Fellow Craft degrees?" The ruling was that the invading Lodge confer the Master's degree and grant a dimit. Your Committee respectfully disapproves this ruling and reports the rule to be, that, in such case, the demanding Lodge, as soon as the illegal acts are discovered, should be restored both the fees and the candidate on demand.

Twenty-two lodges under dispensations were granted charters. The routine business of the Grand Lodge was transacted harmoniously.

Brother A. Q. Moody submits the report on correspondence, his tenth, covering one hundred and thirty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. We are sorry that Nebraska, 1909, is not included, and wonder thereat. His report is a good one, made up largely of well selected matter from the proceedings reviewed.

M. W. George M. Napier, Monroe, is Grand Master.

R. W. William A. Wolihin, Macon, is Grand Secretary.

IDAHO, 1910.

September 13th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Boise, the forty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. George F. Gagon, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers and representatives from forty-eight of the fifty-five subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of the great prosperity which prevails in their lodges; many new comers into their state, he says, within the last few years have been Masons, "good men and true." Death had not entered the official ranks of the Grand Lodge; no Grand or Past Grand Officers had been called.

He reports the exchange of representatives with several Grand Lodges; the granting of a few special dispensations; several special communications of the Grand Lodge; several decisions, but none of general interest. He visited a good many of his lodges, and instituted eleven new ones under dispensations. They have a key, and a Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lecturer, in his report, says:

After a careful consideration of the complex problem of the key and the Lecturer, I am but more firmly convinced that the key is an error and should be dispensed with.

Should the Grand Lodge in its wisdom still see fit to retain the key, however, I believe there should be a revision of the statutes relative to the esoteric work, that the same may not conflict; furthermore I believe that every Mason should have the key and the office of Grand Lecturer be abolished. In event of the key being continued it seems to me unnecessary to go to any further expense for the promulgation of the Idaho work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

These recommendations are made in the hope that the key will be abolished, and I therefore would most earnestly urge that the keys

be all recalled, destroyed and that the Grand Lecturer take unto himself suitable assistants and with their help so promulgate the work that the key or its expose be useless.

Ten lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and three continued under dispensation.

Brother George E. Knepper submits the report on correspondence, his ninth, covering one hundred and thirty-eight pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, receives generous consideration.

He attempts a defense of his Grand Lodge in the use of a key to the work, the burden of his plea being: that because he has seen unlawful publications, unlawfully used in lodges, therefore, it becomes the privilege of his Grand Lodge to authorize its lodges to violate fundamental Masonic law, and to trample under foot obligations taken by every Freemason in the land.

The report is carefully written and presents with comment a very full review of all the more important doings of the Grand Lodges, throughout the English-speaking world.

M. W. Byron S. Defenbach, Sand Point, is Grand Master.

R. W. Theophilus W. Randall, Boise, is Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS, 1910.

October 11th, at Medinah Temple, in the city of Chicago, the seventy-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by M. W. Albert B. Ashley, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from seven hundred and fifty-two of the seven hundred and seventy-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master remarks that so extensive had been his duties that it had required his entire time and energy for their discharge. Yet it had been a cheerful service, and he reports peace, harmony, and prosperity among the lodges and brethren of their great state.

He speaks of their fraternal dead, making extended record of the loss of their deceased Past Grand Master, John M. Pearson, who died June 4th, 1910. He had been for more than fifty years continuously a member of the Grand Lodge. He had presided over the Grand Chapter, as Grand High Priest, the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters as Grand Master, and the Knights Templar as Grand Commander. He was elected Grand Master, in Grand Lodge, October 7th, 1890,—his fifty-eighth birthday.

They maintain the District Deputy system, with fifty District Deputy Grand Masters, appointed annually by the Grand Master, and they have in addition Grand Lecturers and Grand Examiners. Seven lodges, during the year, had the Grand Master constituted under charters, and eight had he instituted under dispensations.

He had laid himself, and by his proxy appointed for the purpose, the corner-stones of the new Central Masonic Temple, in Chicago, the First Christian Church, at Urbana, the new Orphans' Home, at La-Grange, the Decatur high school building, the First Presbyterian Church at Newman, a new school building at Pocahontas, the new Masonic Temple at Quincy, the new Consistory Temple at East St. Louis, the St. Mary's Protestant Episcopal Church at Danville, and the new school building at Clayton, and he had dedicated eight Masonic Halls and Temples.

Masonic Schools of Instruction were held, eight in number, for the Grand Examiners, who went out through the state and examined and instructed the lodges, as is their established custom. In this way a growing interest in their standard work is maintained.

An amended section of their constitution provides:

Section 4. The yeas and nays shall be ordered upon the demand of *one hundred* representatives. In taking the yeas and nays the lodges in their order shall be called first, the members secondly, and the Grand Officers last. In all votes and elections a majority shall govern unless otherwise provided by law.

He visited their two Masonic Homes several times and speaks in terms of praise for their management.

He scores the non-affiliates, who "are always in evidence at times when they may be seen or when there is something to eat. They can be seen in every procession on public occasions and have foremost seats at banquets." And he recommends a change in their law, so that a non-affiliate Mason who remains outside of a lodge for a period of one year without applying for membership shall be deprived of all Masonic rights and privileges. In Nebraska a member who remains unaffiliated for one year has no Masonic right whatever, save to petition for affiliation, which revives his rights, but for only six months if his petition is rejected. He can still maintain his standing by renewing his application every six months.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to ten lodges under dispensation, and continued one under dispensation.

Illinois, like Nebraska, has held to the principle of perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, but its Committee on Jurisprudence recommended the adoption of an amendment restricting such jurisdiction to five years, where the rejected material was in a foreign jurisdiction, of candidates petitioning to Illinois, and the recommendation was adopted. The perpetual rule, however, remains between lodges in their own jurisdiction.

M. W. Brother Owen Scott presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and forty-three pages. Nebraska, 1909, is accorded four pages and a quite full summary of our Grand Master DeBord's address, and, to sum up, he declares: "The very excellent address closes with a ringing paragraph of which this sentence is the

text: 'Masonry of the present age has stamped upon it the word *service.*'"

Under Western Australia he quotes and comments:

Referring to the statement by our grand master concerning the ignorance of masonic law on the part of lodge officers the committee has to say that:

"We are inclined to the view that the lack of ordinary masonic knowledge on the part of responsible lodge officers, not only in Illinois, but in nearly every jurisdiction throughout the states, is a result of the American system. Under this system it would appear that, owing to the examinations which are held, 'ability to give the work' is the only part of the master's duty that is touched upon. The inevitable result is that this is the only part of the duties worked up. Various grand masters are now year by year drawing pointed attention to this matter, and we expect at some date, not far distant, a change will be made and aspirants to office will, in addition, have to show a reasonable knowledge of masonic law."

This is a sound conclusion. The ritual in all its minutiae is of value. However, to be a mere parrot Mason with little conception of the surpassing beauty of its symbolism and to be grossly ignorant of the law and usage of the craft is to have adopted the mere skeleton for the living personality. Let us clothe the skeleton with flesh and breathe into it the vital breath that it may become a living soul. The excellent report closes with quotations from Brother ROBBINS' reference to former difficulties with the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland and the castigation that these old world bodies received at the hands of the Illinois correspondent.

M. W. Albert B. Ashley, Decatur, is Grand Master.

R. W. Isaac Cutter, Camp Point, is Grand Secretary.

INDIANA, 1910.

May 24th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Indianapolis, the eighty-ninth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. William Ridley, Acting Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from five hundred and twenty-nine of their five hundred and thirty-two chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Acting Grand Master reports a splendid condition of the Fraternity and progress in his Grand Jurisdiction. He pays tribute to the memory of their fraternal dead, among whom is mentioned, with appropriate record, their late Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Daniel Noyes, who died March 13th, 1910. He reports the instituting of four new lodges under dispensations, and the constituting of one under charter; the dedication of three Masonic Halls; the laying of corner-stones for nine public buildings, and the granting of several special dispensations for the usual purposes.

R. W. Calvin W. Prather, Grand Secretary, presents a very full report and submits some well considered recommendations.

The Grand Inspector, W. Brother Edward H. Wolfe, presented a report showing the performance of the important duties of his office. He had, as a rule, he says, confined his work to the smaller and more remote lodges, and to their credit he remarks that it is not always the big lodges, splendidly housed and equipped as they are, that do the best

Masonic "work," or that adhere more strictly to our ritualistic and statutory requirements; that during the year he had not found a single lodge but that was in full accord with the effort being made to secure and maintain uniformity in work and loyally endeavoring to comply with the laws enacted for the government of the Craft.

An enthusiastic Past Grand Master, in contemplation of the conference of Grand Masters, 1909, at Philadelphia, submitted a resolution favoring the establishment of a national Grand Lodge, although the members of said conferences had expressly and unanimously declared that such a purpose was not contemplated by either of the conferences. The resolution went to a special committee, which unanimously reported against the proposition. Their report gives interesting data of former like propositions, and it is sufficient to say that nowhere in this country are there any considerable number of Masons favorable to a general Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge expressed its disapproval of sending out, by lodge secretaries, in their notices of lodge meetings, either the names of petitioners for the degrees, or of those who were to receive degrees at the lodge meetings. In some of the older Grand Jurisdictions the custom of giving such notice is of long standing.

A fund for the establishment of a Widows' and Orphans' Home, is to be created by raising the per capita tax on the membership from twenty-five to fifty cents, one-half of which is to go into the fund for the Home.

Four lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

A new and quite liberal regulation was adopted:

"Lodges are prohibited from initiating any candidate under twenty-one years of age, or one who has not made a declaration of his belief in the existence of the Deity, or one whose physical disability is such as to prevent his literal compliance with the ceremonies of the Order; *Provided*, That the Grand Master may, with the consent of the Committee on Jurisprudence, allow Lodges to receive and ballot on petitions for membership of those who can, by the aid of artificial appliances, conform to the ceremonies of the Order."

M. W. Daniel McDonald again submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and eighty-eight pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. He opens with a paper "Concerning making Masons at sight," in which he takes occasion to dispose of Doctor Mackey, who he, McDonald, says knew nothing more about what were the "Ancient Landmarks" than any of the hundreds of other Masonic students who lived before and since his time, but he does not name any of the other "hundreds" and we are left in the dark as to who they were, or are. But he especially gets after Dermott, asking:

Who was Dermott that he should be quoted as authority on the question of "making Masons at sight?" He was Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master of that Body of Masons who seceded from the Grand Lodge of England in 1739 and called themselves "Ancient

York Masons," stigmatizing the regular Masons as "Moderns." In 1764 he published his "Abimon Rezon," above quoted from. He was a "Masonic filibuster," and was undoubtedly the cause of the dismemberment of the Master Mason's Degree, and out of it formulated the Royal Arch Degree. He was the moving spirit that caused the schism dividing the Masons of England from the middle of the eighteenth to the beginning of the nineteenth century.

If we have read history aright the 1717 Grand Lodge introduced innovations that some of its members would not stand for, hence the organization of the "Ancients." The Ancients grew and flourished, while the 1717, or "Moderns," languished, and at the union of the two in 1813, admitted their errors, conceding all that Dermott and the Ancients claimed, gave up their innovations, and the union was effected on the basis of the claims of the Dermott Grand Lodge. Before that, however, the Moderns had adopted the Royal Arch division of the Master Mason's Degree.

M. W. William Ridley, Corydon, is Grand Master.

R. W. Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, is Grand Secretary.

Iowa, 1910.

June 14th, in the Syndicate Theatre, in the city of Waterloo, the sixty-seventh annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. David W. Clements, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from four hundred and seventy of the five hundred and eighteen subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master devotes some ten pages to the discussion of several subjects before reaching his report of official acts; conditions surrounding us in this country; the conferences in 1909, at Philadelphia, in June, and at Baltimore in November, and the subjects there discussed, the sole purposes of which were to cultivate closer fraternal relations among our Grand Lodges, in this country, and to recommend such slight modification of existing regulations as may be desirable in facilitating interstate correspondence, an entirely laudable undertaking. He likewise discusses the question of documentary evidence, in vogue in Iowa, showing undeniably that it is not effecting all that was hoped for by its friends and advocates. He also speaks of the proposition of holding, when the time comes round, a bi-centenary of the Grand Lodge of England, and suggests that Iowa first brought the matter to the attention of our Fraternity.

He reports the constituting of three lodges under charters, and the instituting of two under dispensations. He had granted several special dispensations for the usual purposes, generally refusing to grant authority to re-ballot for candidates, requiring that applications for the latter be made by the unanimous request of the lodge at a stated communication, and duly certified under seal, and under these restrictions he had issued a number of dispensations for such purpose. We have always feared that if such a course was followed, it would lead to a

practical inquiry as to the character of the individual ballot cast by each member, an inquiry repugnant to the whole theory of a secret ballot, and leading to the disturbance of the peace among brethren for the benefit of an outsider.

He had laid the corner-stones of two new Masonic Temples, dedicated two Masonic Halls, and made a number of official visits to lodges.

A very full report is submitted by the Grand Secretary, R. W. Newton R. Parvin, particular in detail, with numerous suggestions. The following seems quite peculiar :

Quite a large number of members have expressed the desire that the Grand Lodge should, by resolution of statute law, compel all members to present an identification card showing dues paid for the year before they are permitted to enter a lodge hall when lodge is at work. We are convinced that such a system would be a great service to the craft.

As Librarian, Brother Parvin submits a very full and interesting report. Among other subjects he takes that of "Masonic Clubs," and says :

These are being organized in Eastern states and a National League is being talked of whereby members of different clubs would affiliate with similar organizations in other cities.

We believe that we in Iowa should have a number of these Masonic clubs. A few have already been started. A card given to one member should give him admittance to all other clubs and enable him to have club benefits the same as Commercial Clubs are doing throughout the country.

Some of these organizations are making arrangements whereby the brethren dine together at a certain hour and so become well acquainted and keep in closer touch with each other.

Study clubs for the purpose of arranging a course of lectures on Masonic topics and gaining information on Masonic subjects have been taken up along with this work. All of this gives additional interest to the club and in time proves it worthy of an existence.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to the two lodges under dispensation.

A special committee on reinstatement of the Grand Representative system reported adversely. The system of Grand Representatives, formerly in vogue in that Grand Lodge, was discontinued in 1892.

Brother T. J. Davis, Past Grand Treasurer, as special committee, submitted a most interesting report on their great Masonic Library, its growth, its inestimable worth to the Fraternity and to the public. From it we learn that our late Brother Parvin, Past Grand Master, and for more than fifty years the great Grand Secretary, established the library's beginnings in 1844.

Brother Louis Block again presents the report on correspondence, covering three hundred and twenty-three pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended notice. He compliments our Grand Master DeBord, saying that his

address is a well considered, thoughtful document, telling the story of the work of an earnest Mason devoted to the best interests of the Craft of his state, and further states that he "evidently refused to make a dispensation-issuing machine out of himself." He declares that his decisions were brief and clear-cut. He likewise compliments our Grand Orator, W. Brother Albert W. Jefferis, and quotes from his oration.

In speaking of an important matter, he says:

We believe that the lodge cannot be too careful in keeping from embarrassing a brother by inflicting upon him the expression of religious sentiments that are not in accord with his personal beliefs. The only way to keep from injuring a brother's feelings on religious matters is for the lodge to carefully avoid the expression of any religious thought or sentiment which is not absolutely common to the faith and belief of every brother present and which is not absolutely required by the teachings of Masonry. There are things in which every Mason believes, such as the Fatherhood of God, the Brotherhood of Man, and the immortality of the soul. These are part of the vital and essential teachings of the order. As long as we stick closely and faithfully to these, peace and harmony must reign among us. But the very minute we go outside of, and beyond, these, and make any further declaration of religious faith or belief, be it in speech or song or story, we are pretty sure to step on a brother's toes and get into the field of sectarian strife. The order is strong simply because it cleaves closely to the great essentials of religious faith and leaves it for the profane world to quarrel and fight about the non-essentials.

M. W. Frederick W. Craig, Des Moines, is Grand Master.

R. W. Newton R. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, is Grand Secretary.

KANSAS, 1911.

February 15th, in the Scottish Rite Temple, in Kansas City, the fifty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Marion K. Brundage, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from three hundred and seventeen of its three hundred and ninety subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of the past year as the most prosperous one in the history of his Grand Lodge, and as one abounding in great blessings to all the people in his Grand Jurisdiction. He records the deaths of two of their Past Grand Masters, M. W. Samuel R. Peters, who died April 21st, 1910, and M. W. John C. Postlethwaite, who died November 26th, 1910, and pays loving fraternal tribute to their memory.

He reports the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges; the constituting of two new lodges under charters, and the instituting of four lodges under dispensations. He had laid several corner-stones, dedicated Masonic Halls, granted a good many special dispensations; and had visited among his lodges.

We are impressed with what the Grand Master says in the following, and regard their law therein stated as wise:

At our first entrance into the lodge we acknowledge ourselves to be actuated by such motives and desires, and later assume obligations to be governed by them, as would seem to preclude the possibility of a masonic trial. It seldom occurs that a lodge indulges in the luxury of a trial over any cause without paying a price for it far in excess of the good resulting, whichever way the verdict, and the thought occurs if it would not be better to endure, and patiently try to check, any shortcoming rather than suffer the tax levied on the harmony of the lodge by a trial.

The wisdom of the requirement under By-Law No. 132, as amended in 1908, that copies of charges and specifications be sent to the Grand Master for approval before a trial can be held has been fully demonstrated. Many charges have, for just and sufficient reasons, been disapproved and ordered dismissed and many have been returned with strong admonition to bring the parties together in charitable consideration for the rights of each and endeavor to adjust the differences outside the lodge room. Through the diplomatic efforts of the District Deputies, or others appealed to for the purpose, most of the latter cases have been satisfactorily adjusted.

The Masonic Home is now well equipped, and doing its good work, with eighty-three inmates; forty-three are children and forty are adults. The Home was opened in 1896. During the past four years \$49,796.74, was expended for needed additions and improvements, exclusive of \$5,630.07 paid the city of Wichita for sewer and paving tax.

The report of the Committee on Reports of Grand Officers highly commends the Grand Master for his zeal and painstaking care during the year, and his recommendations were all approved. His work as disclosed in his annual address makes clear that he richly deserves the approval of his brethren.

A very able and interesting address was delivered by Brother Silas W. Porter, Grand Orator, upon the subject: "The Mason as a Citizen."

M. W. Brother Matthew M. Miller again submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty pages. Nebraska, 1910, receives extended favorable notice.

We extract from it something too good to miss. It is said to have been written by one who was at "the goin's on:"

When TEDDY rode the goat last night,
 The goin's on, they say,
 Beat all the records out of sight
 For fun in Oyster Bay.
 The mystic boys they all turned out,
 Just as they did to vote.
 And viewed the sight with wild delight,
 When TEDDY rode the goat.

They tossed him up, and trun him down,
 And stood him on his head,
 And ducked him till he almost drowned,
 An' yanked him out half dead.
 They made him jig and sing a song,
 An' yell like a coyote—
 B'gosh, you ought to been along
 When TEDDY rode the goat.

He rode wild horses in the West,
 An' lassoed crazy steers;
 A buckin' bronco was a jest,
 To him in early years;
 But e'en the jaunt up San Juan,
 That famous history wrote,
 Was nothin' to the goin's on
 When TEDDY rode the goat.

M. W. Alex. A. Sharp, Topeka, is Grand Master.

R. W. Albert K. Wilson, Topeka, is Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY, 1910.

October 18th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Louisville, the one hundred and tenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John H. Cowles, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and a large number of permanent members, and representatives of subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead of the year, among whom are numbered their Past Grand Master, John Alexander Ramsey, and their Grand Chaplain, Rev. James W. Rogers. He pays deserved praise to their Grand Secretary, R. W. Henry B. Grant, for efficient services, especially because he had secured a report from every lodge, some 550, on time.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of their Grand Chaplain, he appointed and personally installed Rev. E. E. Smith, and says of him: "Brother Smith is Past Master of his lodge, Past High Priest and Past Commander and once it is said failed to attend the synod of his church and instead attended his Masonic meeting. I know the Grand Lodge is to be congratulated on its Grand Chaplain." The case reminds the writer of one of our Grand Chaplains, both in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, who died as such, and who, once in a while left his elder to conduct the prayer meeting to attend his lodge. He, also, was a Past Master of a lodge and a Past High Priest of a chapter, whom we loved both as a preacher and a Mason.

From the Grand Master's decisions we extract:

Can a lodge hold a memorial service for its dead on Sunday? Decided that the words "religious services" in Section 108 of the Constitution and Regulation 247, which also mentions "decoration of graves" as permissible on Sunday; apply as well to a memorial service, because a religious service "pertaining to or concerned with religion;" faithful and devout; and it is difficult to conceive how a memorial service could be held without "pertaining to religion," being "faithful" and "devout." and decoration of graves is in a sense a memorial service, therefore, it is held that memorial services can lawfully be held on Sunday.

He granted but few special dispensations; laid the corner-stone of a Government building and a few others; exchanged courtesies with other Grand Jurisdictions in the matter of waivers and conferring degrees; and instituted eleven lodges under dispensations.

We are glad to find a concise statement of the proposed Washington Memorial. He supplies it, and it is of such general interest that we give it place:

I attended a meeting of Alexandria Washington Lodge No. 22, Virginia, of which Washington was the first Master, and witnessed the conferring of the Master Mason's degree on Lawrence Washington, relative of Gen. Washington, and the last male child born at Mt. Vernon. There were several Grand Masters present, and others sent representatives. The question of building a memorial to Washington, the Mason, was favorably discussed, an organization was formed and the following was adopted:

Be it Resolved:

First—That we approve and endorse the proposed erection of a Masonic Temple as a memorial to George Washington, under the auspices of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M., of Alexandria, Virginia.

Second—That we do now organize the Washington Masonic Memorial Association according to the following plan:

I.—Name.

The name of this Association shall be "The Washington Masonic Memorial Association."

II.—Object.

The object of this Association shall be to assist in the erection of a suitable Masonic Memorial to George Washington, in the form of a Temple in the city of Alexandria, Virginia, provided that, at least, one floor therein be set apart forever as a Memorial Hall to be under the control of the several Grand Jurisdictions in the United States of America.

III.—Membership.

The active members of this Association shall be composed of the Grand Masters of the several Grand Jurisdictions of the United States of America, who shall identify themselves herewith and one properly accredited representative from each Grand Jurisdiction, chosen in such manner and for such time as it may prescribe.

There may be also Honorary Members, under such conditions as may be prescribed by the Masonic Memorial Committee of the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M.

Fourteen lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and five were continued under dispensations.

In five appealed cases the decision in each was reversed, and in another it is clearly shown that the defendant was not fairly treated; papers of value to him were retained by the lodge, but the Grand Lodge very properly ordered the lodge to return them.

A great deal of routine business was harmoniously dispatched.

The report on correspondence, or "on proceedings of Grand Lodges," as it is called by our Kentucky brethren, is by M. W. Brother William W. Clark, covering one hundred and thirty-four pages. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended notice, and the express declaration that our law regulating the restoration of a brother, suspended for non-payment of dues,

is better than Kentucky's, for there one who pays up is subjected to a ballot before he regains membership.

Brother Clark protests against Grand Lodge legislation restricting and curtailing the ancient rights and prerogatives of the lodge. He regards it as "one of the big questions of the hour." He regards uniformity in laws as of greater importance than uniformity in work, and highly recommends the advice of the conferences of Grand Masters at Philadelphia and Baltimore.

M. W. Robert R. Burnam, Richmond, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry B. Grant, Louisville, is Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA, 1911.

February 6th, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of New Orleans, the ninety-ninth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M. W. John S. Thibaut, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and sixty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master's address covers fifty-six pages, in which he reports fully his official acts, and discusses some of the more important questions involved in conducting the affairs of his Grand Jurisdiction. He says: "The burden of my work during the present year has been to bring the brethren to the better realization, to a clearer conception of their obligations, and duties to themselves, to the great fraternity in which they hold membership and to the social body of which every individual Man and Mason is a part and parcel." He deplores a lax guarding of the outer door; "eternal vigilance," he declares, "is the price of safety," and he urges greater care in investigating committees, before candidates are received into the Fraternity.

In granting relief from the funds in his hands for that purpose, and following the precedent of his predecessors in office, he had required the lodge, whose member was the beneficiary, to contribute an equal amount to that bestowed by the Grand Master. He is not favorable to the erection of a Masonic Home, urging his reasons, but during the year one good brother donated \$5,000.00 for that particular purpose, and others are stirred to the same good work. The Grand Lodge by resolution declared its purpose, when the fund reaches a sufficient amount, to establish a Home.

The Grand Master makes a plea for the recognition of the Grand Lodge Alpina of Switzerland, but we are glad to note that a committee report, putting off such recognition, was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master had instituted seven lodges under dispensation; had laid and caused to be laid a goodly number of corner-stones, and he had made many official visits to his lodges, granted a good many special dispensations, and reports fifty-six official decisions, from one of which we learn that it is not against their law to entertain the petition of a saloon-keeper. His correspondence, he says, had been enormous; he had

written "over thirteen hundred letters bearing upon all questions, physical and metaphysical, legal, illegal, and otherwise, questions of ethics and logic," etc.

His Grand Lecturers and the District Deputy Grand Masters had been busy and a very prosperous year is recorded.

The Grand Lodge granted charters to eight lodges under dispensations. Upon the subject of participating in the erecting of the proposed Washington Memorial Hall, at Alexandria, Va., the matter was referred to the incoming Grand Master with power to act according to his best judgment and discretion.

Brother Herman C. Duncan again presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty-eight pages. Nebraska, 1910, receives very favorable fraternal consideration. Our Grand Master Dowling, our Grand Custodian French, and our Grand Orator Epperson are praised and liberally quoted. Under Wisconsin, and in a discussion with Brother Jenks, he recurs to his favorite subject, the Scottish Rite, and incidentally informs us that there is a "Scottish Rite" lodge in Louisiana that was organized December 27th, 1798, Lodge Etoile Polaire, and has had continued existence to this day.

M. W. John S. Thibaut, Donaldsonville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Richard Lambert, New Orleans, is Grand Secretary.

MAINE, 1910.

May 3d, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Portland, the ninety-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Edmund B. Mallet, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and ninety-six of their two hundred and one chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of the year as one of peace and harmony, and the lodges had a fruitful year; conditions are healthy, and the Craftsmen determined to carry out the great principles that adorn our beloved institution, says the Grand Master. They mourn the loss, by death, of three Past Grand Officers, and tributes are paid to their memory.

Approved waivers of jurisdiction over candidates in two cases, one from Massachusetts and one from Canada, the Grand Master records. He reports having issued special dispensations in many cases, among them, to lodges to attend divine services. With us, a dispensation for that purpose is not required. He had exchanged representatives with several Grand Lodges, dedicated several Masonic Halls, and laid corner-stones for public buildings.

He records the due celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of their Maine Lodge No. 20, and he was present at the conference of Grand Masters, at Baltimore in November, 1909, which also was the occasion of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple, in that city. Most enjoyable, he says, was that occasion. "Everything possible to

make our stay pleasant, every wish anticipated by them, they have made us their debtors, which I fear we may never repay." He thanks his District Deputy Grand Masters for two years' service, under him, and speaks of the importance of their duties.

Brother Frank E. Sleeper, Grand Lecturer, had been active in holding, in conjunction with the District Deputies, schools of instruction in the various centers of the state.

Brother Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary, makes annual report, one item of which attracts our attention. He says: "The returns came in as promptly as usual," and proceeds to complain of the "laggards," secretaries who neglect their duty in this important matter. We turn to Drummond's brief history of their Grand Lodge, and find him saying, in 1889: "For nearly thirty years there have not been but two cases, in all, of failure by lodges to make their returns before the session of Grand Lodge, if not within the time fixed."

At the organization of the Grand Lodge of Maine, that body was blessed by having that distinguished jurist, Simon Greenleaf, as its active director in the proceedings involved. Thirty-one lodges existed in the District of Maine, all chartered by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. Greenleaf was the author of circulars to the lodges, and memorials and communications to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, in which some of the principles, now regarded as fundamental, were clearly set forth. Especially, that now prevailing which determines that in every state of our Union, there should be a sovereign, independent Grand Lodge, with jurisdiction over every regularly chartered lodge, and every Master Mason. And this is supported by Greenleaf's statement that, "as every Mason owes allegiance to the civil government under which he lives, as well as submission to the Grand Lodge, if the members of the latter were not amenable to the same laws with himself, a most injurious opposition might arise between his duties as a citizen and as a Mason."

Greenleaf, the leader, afterwards Grand Master, with worthy associates, and afterwards, Drummond as Grand Master, both great writers and leaders, brought their Grand Lodge to the front as a great factor in establishing what we now know as the American doctrine of the exclusive supreme jurisdiction of each Grand Lodge over Masonry within its borders.

But we have digressed and, returning to the proceedings under review, it is perhaps sufficient to say that the business of the Grand Lodge was routine and attended to with that painstaking care which has always distinguished that jurisdiction.

M. W. Brother Albro E. Chase again presents an able report on correspondence, covering one hundred and thirty-five pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges, Nebraska, 1909, receiving favorable fraternal consideration.

M. W. Ashley A. Smith, Belfast, is Grand Master.

R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

MANITOBA, 1910.

June 8th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of Winnipeg, the thirty-fifth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James D. Baine, Grand Master, with nearly all the Grand Officers, and a large representation from the subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master speaks of prevailing harmony and prosperity throughout his Grand Jurisdiction. Of the death of King Edward he speaks, as a loyal subject, saying: "Throughout the British Empire, his late Majesty had no more loyal subjects than Freemasons, and with no other class in this fair Dominion of ours, will such keen and poignant sorrow be felt at his demise as by the brethren of the Craft."

"His Gracious Majesty was, for upwards of twenty-five years, Grand Master of the oldest Grand Lodge of the world, and the loyal tributes that have periodically been offered at all Masonic gatherings, have in no sense been mere figures of speech, but the genuine outbursts of spontaneous and sympathetic feeling offered as tributes to those manly attributes and excellencies of character, which have through his reign, excited and compelled the admiration of the world."

Continuing we read:

On the sad intelligence of His Majesty's death being received the following cable message was forwarded:—

LORD CREW,

London, England,

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, earnestly pray the Great Architect of the Universe to comfort and sustain the Queen Mother and all the Royal family in this their great affliction, and desire to express to His Most Gracious Majesty King George the Fifth their devoted allegiance.

(signed) JAMES A. OVAS,
Grand Secretary.

Notices were forwarded to all the lodges in this Jurisdiction to drape in mourning the Charters, Columns, and Gavels, for a period of three months, and that on the day appointed for the burial of our late King, Memorial Services should be held.

The Grand Master reports the laying of a corner-stone of a new school house; of being present at five of the eight District Lodges of Instruction held during the year, and speaks of a marked improvement in the work exemplified thereat; and for the prosperity and progress made in the lodges, he praises the District Deputy system, and the zeal of the District Deputy Grand Masters. He had not been called upon for a single decision.

Each of the eight District Deputy Grand Masters submits an extended report of his visitations to and instruction of the lodges.

M. W. Brother James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary, submits a very interesting and full report. In it he reports the chartering of one lodge

and that the same was duly constituted. He also reports the instituting of three new lodges under dispensations; the granting of a goodly number of special dispensations, including those to attend divine service; to elect and install officers; to confer degrees within prescribed time, and to re-ballot on rejected candidates. The Grand Secretary is also Grand Librarian, and his report as such is interesting and attests the interest taken in the important matter of affording Masonic information to the Craft.

They maintain the plan of a board of general purposes, and the usual standing committees of a Grand Lodge. All these well performed their several duties by presenting matters for the consideration of their brethren in Grand Lodge, and all the routine business of the body was fairly considered and disposed of harmoniously. Five lodges under dispensation were granted charters; and two, not having worked four months, under a rule of their constitution, were continued under dispensation.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. George W. Baker, Winnipeg, is Grand Master.

M. W. James A. Ovas, Winnipeg, is Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1910.

November 15th, in the city of Baltimore, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by R. W. James R. Brewer, Deputy Grand Master, with a large attendance of Grand Officers, permanent members and representatives from the lodges.

Under the direction of the Deputy Grand Master a Guard of Honor, to perform escort duty, also a Grand Lodge Choir, to assist, and the Grand Marshal, accompanied by the Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, proceeded to the apartments of the Grand Master, M. W. Thomas J. Shryock and he was escorted into the Grand Lodge. His entrance was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Honors were given, and the Grand Master was conducted to the East. In like manner distinguished visitors were escorted into the Grand Lodge and were received according to their several stations. They were M. W. William B. McChesney, Grand Master of Virginia, M. W. R. T. W. Duke, Past Grand Master of Virginia, and W. Charles H. Callahan, Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, of Alexandria, Virginia, said lodge being the one over which Washington presided as Worshipful Master.

The Grand Master made an address, in which he sets forth his views, most favorable to the erection of the proposed building of a temple at Alexandria, Va., as a memorial of George Washington, and called upon their visiting brethren from Virginia, each of whom addressed the Grand Lodge upon the subject of the Washington memorial. The Grand Lodge is no less enthusiastic than their venerable Grand

Master—now filling his exalted station for the twenty-fifth year, in the enterprise of erecting the proposed temple at Alexandria. It is in strong contrast with the expressions in Arkansas, noted in our review of the proceedings of that Grand Lodge. Hail, hail, loyal, generous Maryland!

A bronze bas relief of the Grand Master, set up as a memorial by his brethren, as an evidence of their love for him was unveiled with appropriate service. From the presentation address we extract a brief paragraph:

For twenty-five years this noble man and Mason, this friend and Brother, has labored for the good of the Craft, guiding us, sustaining us, striving for us, leading us through all our difficulties as a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of flame by night, until his words, his actions, his worth have been chiseled indelibly upon the tablets of Masonic history, and there they will remain forever.

In their new temple a room is set apart as a museum, provided with cases and other necessaries for the arranging of jewels, medals, relics, mementoes, souvenirs, pictures, etc., belonging to the Grand Lodge, the Masonic Veteran Association, and the Craft in general. The museum is open at all times, and the brethren and visitors are made welcome. A very interesting account is given of what is already there deposited by Masonic bodies, and by individual contributors. The writer well remembers a visit to a like museum; that of Washington-Alexandria Lodge, in Alexandria, Va.

Their venerable reviewer, R.'W.'Edward T. Schultz, presents his twenty-fourth annual report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-one pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Like those in years gone by, it is interesting, marked by a most thorough grasp of questions of Masonic law, usage, and custom. Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable mention, our Grand Master Dowling is commended, and his decisions find favor.

From his conclusion we extract:

Last year it was my painful duty to report the deaths of five members of the Reportorial Corps; this year we have to mourn the deaths of four others—Rev. Henry W. Rugg, Correspondent of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Rhode Island; Jacob T. Barron, Correspondent of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of South Carolina; and J. D. Barnes, Correspondent of Grand Chapter of West Virginia.

As our entire Report was ready for press I was inexpressibly pained to hear of the death of Brother John Milton Hodson, Correspondent of Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery of Oregon. He passed away on the 9th day of October, last, at the age of 71. These Brethren were all ripe scholars, able and faithful Correspondents. Venerated and esteemed at home, they were loved and admired by the whole corps of correspondents, who, like myself, studied their reports with genuine pleasure and profit. They will be sadly missed from the Round Table.

M.'W.'Thomas J. Shryock, Baltimore, is Grand Master.

R.'W.'George Cook, Baltimore, is Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1909.

This jurisdiction maintains the plan of quarterly communications. Its quarterly communications occurred March 10th; June 9th; September 8th; and December 8th. The annual installation of its Grand Officers, and the Grand Feast, always takes place on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th, except when that day falls on Sunday, and then on the day following. This observance of "The Grand Feast" has been maintained ever since the erection of the first constitutional lodge in Massachusetts by Henry Price, who received his constitutional authority in a deputation issued to him by the Grand Master of the old Grand Lodge of England. This deputation was issued April 30th, 1733, and under it Henry Price, as Provincial Grand Master, on July 30th, 1733, opened the first lodge and erected the Provincial Grand Lodge. Later, and in 1756, the Grand Lodge of Scotland, issued its deputation to St. Andrews Lodge, of Boston, and thereby confirmed that lodge, and erected it into a Provincial Grand Lodge, under the system of the Ancients, deriving its work and polity from the Ancient Grand Lodge of England. At the opening of the war of the Revolution this latter Provincial Grand Lodge, and its subordinates, had greatly increased, and Dr. Joseph Warren was its Grand Master at the time of his death, and the commanding general at Bunker Hill. And afterwards, in 1777, this Grand Lodge and its subordinates erected the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the first independent, sovereign Grand Lodge organized in America. It has always possessed leaders of marked ability.

When Masonry was suffering persecution, civil, religious, and political, following the Morgan incident at Batavia, and an anti-Masonic political party was doing its utmost to extinguish Masonry; when Grand Lodges in some of the states failed to hold annual communications, and lodges by the hundreds had surrendered their charters and ceased to exist, the brethren at Boston, and the steadfast throughout that commonwealth, came to the front and issued a masterly written declaration, refuting the vile slanderers of the anti-Mason horde. This declaration was signed by four hundred and twenty-seven Boston Masons, and others throughout the state, fourteen hundred and thirty in all. This, Drummond, in his history of Freemasonry in Massachusetts, says was the first heavy blow to anti-Masonry.

But we have digressed. At the December quarterly communication the Grand Master delivered his annual address. He speaks of the death of their great historian, Senior Past Grand Master, and for many years Grand Secretary, Sereno D. Nickerson, who died November 6th, 1909, and says of him:

Verily, "a mighty man among us has fallen," a man whose whole soul was wrapped up in our Institution; whose whole life had been devoted to it, and whose education, knowledge and experience made him a worthy and competent exponent of our Fraternity and its interests. His presence we shall sincerely miss, and his loss we shall sadly feel.

He also records the death of their Past Grand Master, Baalis Sanford, who died November 17th, 1909. To the memory of these brethren memorials are published.

The Grand Master reports fifty-six official visits to his lodges, including special communications of the Grand Lodge, a quite full account of which he records. He sets forth the conferences at Philadelphia and Baltimore, which have heretofore, in our report been spoken of, fully agreeing with the object and purpose of said conferences as beneficial to the Craft generally throughout our country. And he expressly commends one of the resolutions adopted, which condemns the use of any ritual, printed or written, or indicated by any system of signs or abbreviations in any form whatsoever. He had granted a good many special dispensations, and instituted two new lodges, one at Holyoke and one in Springfield.

One interesting item in his report specifies the receipt, during the year, from the Lodge of St. Andrew, of \$500.00, "as a further donation to be added to the Lodge of St. Andrew Fund, held in trust by the Masonic Education and Charity Trust." This fund has now reached the goodly sum of \$8,274.18.

A Masonic Home fund had, in 1909, reached, in pledges, the sum of \$131,893.51. And the Grand Master says: "I am sure the Brethren will bear me out in saying I have not missed an opportunity to present the claims of this great charity of ours."

With painstaking care, the routine business presented at the several quarterly communications was all disposed of harmoniously.

The Grand Feast has been celebrated every year, it is claimed, since its institution in 1773, and as usual there was gathered at the board, on this occasion, many whose names are familiar to those who keep in touch with Masonry in the Old Bay State. At these gatherings Past Grand Masters and other leaders entertain their brethren with addresses, many of them abounding in wit and learning, sometimes historical papers are read, and the lives and labors of departed leaders are recalled.

It has been the great pleasure of the writer to read all the speeches made at these Grand Feasts for the past twelve or more years.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Dana J. Flanders, Malden, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas W. Davis, Boston, is Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN, 1910.

May 24th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Saginaw, the sixty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Arthur M. Hume, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from four hundred and two of their four hundred and twelve chartered lodges in attendance.

Lewis Cass, soldier, statesman, and Mason, formerly Grand Master

of Ohio, was the first Grand Master of Michigan. The Grand Lodge was organized in 1826, the year when the Morgan event, at Batavia, New York, occurred, and the twenty years of persecution of Freemasons in the United States was inaugurated by Thurlow Weed and his associate conspirators opened their batteries of falsehood.

Grand Master Hume in opening his address, speaks of his brethren assembled "as the representatives of more than sixty thousand of the best of Michigan's loyal and sturdy citizenship," saying they have assembled "as Masons and brethren, to consider those matters essential to the welfare of our beloved Craft, and through it, the promotion of the well-being of our communities, our State and our country." The same spirit has ever actuated the Craft in our common country; Washington, the father of his country, Master of his lodge, by which he was buried, Benjamin Franklin, the statesman and great diplomat, the first Grand Master of Pennsylvania, John Marshall, the great Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, a faithful Mason and twice Grand Master of Virginia,—these, and many other illustrious statesmen have been most prominent in promoting our Order from the first and down to the present day.

The Grand Master says that the year had been a busy one in Masonry in his Grand Jurisdiction; he reports the granting of a duplicate charter, where the lodge had lost the original one by fire; the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations; the granting of four dispensations for new lodges; the constituting of four lodges under charter; the dedication of eight Masonic Temples and Halls; the laying of eleven corner-stones; his presence at every school of instruction held in the state during the year by their Grand Lecturer; and the visiting of a great many lodges. He attended the conferences at Philadelphia and Baltimore.

On February 15th, 1910, their Masonic Home was destroyed by fire; its inmates were removed to a temporary abiding place, and the Grand Master appeals to the Grand Lodge to do its duty in maintaining that efficient benevolent institution.

The Grand Secretary's annual report is very full, disclosing a very active and prosperous year. The Grand Lecturer, Brother Frank O. Gilbert, presents a report showing a year of strenuous work in visiting and instructing the subordinate lodges.

A pretty general overhauling of their law, in the form of amendments recommended by the Committee on Jurisprudence, was effected, and the amendments adopted.

We note that on the recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina was officially recognized. We wonder at this action, because of the fact that said Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina maintains fraternal relations with Grand Lodges known to be clandestine, among them, the Grand Orient of France, which is atheistic. Elsewhere in this report we think we have given Brother Drummond's reasons for denying recognition to Grand Lodges maintain-

ing such relations. The writer well remembers in one of the several publications coming to his notice, from the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, a defence of French Masonry. In its report of 1908-1909, now lying open before us, we find that not only the Grand Orient, but also the Grand Lodge of France is given, as in fraternal relations with it. Any student of current Masonic literature may easily satisfy himself as to the atheism of the two, less in degree in the Grand Lodge than in the Grand Orient, but pronounced in both.

The executive board of the Home and other officials made reports of conditions, and propositions to locate the Home at other places were considered, but finally the executive committee was authorized to secure plans for the erection of a new Masonic Home building on the old site at East Grand Rapids. To care for the inmates after the fire, temporary buildings and assistance were offered on every hand.

There was a great deal of routine business transacted. Two lodges under dispensation were granted charters, and two continued under dispensation.

R. W. Lou B. Winsor, Grand Secretary, submits the report on correspondence, his seventh, covering three hundred and ninety-six pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges in a very thorough manner. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended notice.

M. W. G. Roscoe Swift, Adrian, is Grand Master.

R. W. Lou B. Winsor, Reed City, is Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA, 1911.

January 18th, in the Masonic Temple, in the city of St. Paul, the fifty-eighth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William B. Patton, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from two hundred and twenty-two of their two hundred and fifty-three subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead, among whom was their Past Grand Master, Charles W. Nash, who served in that capacity for five successive terms, and died August 18th, 1910, "full of years and honors." He reports the constituting of two lodges under charter, but refused to institute either of the two for which petitions had been submitted. He had laid corner-stones, one for a new Masonic Temple, and one for a new Methodist Church; reports but two decisions; and they of only local importance. He granted a few special dispensations, and refused more petitioned for and he made but few official visits to his lodges, and was unable, he says, to accept the many invitations extended to him. He speaks a good word for "The Washington Masonic Memorial Association," and its purpose of erecting a Memorial Temple, at Alexandria, Virginia.

Some of his lodges had sought to embellish the work of conferring degrees, especially the Master Masons degree. His attention was called to it and he witnessed such work, of which he says:

On this subject permit me to say that, in my opinion, the desire to improve upon the rendition of the work is founded on a wrong hypothesis. It seems to be the feeling that the impressiveness and beauty of the degree is increased in proportion to the adornments added thereto. Such, however, is not the case, but, on the contrary, in the very simplicity of the work, as commonly rendered in our Lodges, in the past, and at present, lies its eternal vigor, and continuing power. When once we cease to depend on the unadorned work, and turn to side issues to awaken interest, we step from a rock to a quicksand footing. The new features soon pall upon the taste; and so, others must be added, to maintain the attractiveness; and this must continue *ad infinitum* until the original purpose and intent of the degree is buried under the accumulated rubbish. Again, too often the work is looked upon as a spectacle to entertain the brethren, rather than, as it is truly intended to be, a sermon to edify the candidate.

The Grand Lodge did not entirely concur with the Grand Master, and said:

Be it Resolved: That in the conferring of degrees all subordinate Lodges shall comply strictly with the ritual, but that matters non-essential and illustrative, such as display of lights, use of robes, music and scenery, shall be left to the sound discretion of Masters of Lodges under supervision of the Grand Master.

We find a Committee on Revision of Masonic Code saying, among other things, that: "There are many conflicts and discrepancies between our Constitution and Regulations and our Resolutions today, which inevitably lead to confusion."

The Grand Lodge took favorable action to forwarding the Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

Brother Irving Todd again presents the report on correspondence, covering eighty-six pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-two Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M. W. Elmer A. Kling, Little Falls, is Grand Master.

R. W. John Fishel, St. Paul, is Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI, 1910.

September 27th. in Scottish Rite Cathedral, in the city of St. Louis, the ninetieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William A. Hall, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from five hundred and twenty of the six hundred and seven subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master speaks of "a ceaseless procession" seeking light in Masonry, and says that the year had outranked any preceding year in gain in membership. Some of his brethren in St. Louis, desiring to set up a Masonic Club, appealed to him for permission to do so. He highly approved of the purposes of his brethren, but thought it possible that there might be objections on the part of the Grand Lodge to the use of the word Masonic in connection therewith, and therefore he referred the matter to the Grand Lodge.

He accompanied their Grand Lecturer in his visits to State Lodges of Instruction and highly commends the good work accomplished therein. He discussed the Philadelphia and Baltimore conferences, their recommendations, as also the proposed erection of the Washington Memorial, by a National Memorial Association, at Alexandria, Va. The Eastern Star, he commends for its good work in endeavoring to make the Masonic Home all that its most enthusiastic friends could desire. He also gives courteous attention to the proposed Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of England, when it is reached. The plan finding favor with him is a general form of service for all Masons upon St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24th, 1917, and that all Grand Lodges shall join in such service.

He reports the laying of a great number of corner-stones, the instituting of four lodges under dispensation, and speaks in praise of the good work of their fifty-six District Deputy Grand Masters. He had granted a great many special dispensations; had constituted seven lodges under charters, and reports a few decisions.

A quite full report on the applications of the Grand Lodge of Nicaragua, and the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, affords valuable information; both were rejected. The latter replied to questions asked by the committee, and the committee's conclusions we copy, with the answers:

1. The Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina is supreme in its control of the three degrees.

2. The greater part of the Swiss Lodges had their original Charters from English Grand Lodges.

3. "By initiation, we ask of our candidate, 'What do you think of the Divinity?'"

4. "The Bible is on the altar for all Protestant Lodges, but two Lodges, formed of liberal Catholics, have been authorized to substitute for the Bible a book with white sheets, because you know the Catholic Church interdicts the Bible to its adherents."

5. "We are in fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of France."

The answers to 1 and 2 are satisfactory. The answer to question 3, as to the belief in Diety, is not clear and may possibly be due to the translation. It appears that the candidate is not required to give assent to a belief in Diety prior to his initiation; but during, or in the initiation, he is asked "what he thinks of Divinity." The candidate's reply may mean a theological discussion or a metaphysical speculation; the question does not demand a categorical affirmation or denial in a belief in God. Therefore, possibly by want of clearness, in expression, this answer is unsatisfactory.

The answer to question 4 seems to indicate that a "book with white sheets" is all that is required on which to obligate some of the candidates.

The committee is of the opinion that "white sheets" do not constitute "a rule and guide to faith and practice" for Mohammedan, Jew or Gentile. An obligation on white sheets of paper may bind some persons and may have a greater potency than on some men who take their vows on the Holy Bible, yet a candidate who is bound, or is under obligation, to an organization or a church that will not permit him to be obligated in the Great Light, is not of suitable material to be made a Mason. The answer to question 5 is unsatisfactory.

While your committee realizes that the Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina is doing a great work, especially in the cause of civil and religious liberty, yet to be charitable in thought and deed, to be a foe to such civil and religious despotism as is fastened upon the Latin race by Romish priestcraft, these do not constitute Freemasonry of themselves. The great underlying principle, the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God, must be maintained and defended. The Brotherhood of Man can not exist, can not even be conceived in the mind of man, independent of the Fatherhood of God.

We recommend that the fraternal relations with the Swiss Grand Lodge of Alpina be denied.

M. W. Brother Charles C. Woods presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-five pages. He makes his opening and therein evidences a pretty clear conception of the duties pertaining to his office:

I do not understand that it is my privilege to occupy any of the space allotted me in a mere exchange of Fraternal compliments with the representatives of our other Grand Lodges in the same position, and still less to indulge in mere witticism or banality. Still less do I deem myself authorized to indulge in severe criticism of any act or episode in the work of other Grand Lodges, or to declare with any pretense of finality the law and landmarks of the Order, but only to chronicle as faithfully and concisely as possible the more important thought and movement of the Masonic World, to the intent that our Brethren may be informed, in measure, of the Fraternal History, Spirit and Expression wherever our Order is known.

He quotes freely from annual addresses. Nebraska, 1909, receives attention, and he thus registers opinions:

We would mildly object to the decision, that "No Mason should invite his friends to become Masons." In our judgment the true Masonic principle which forbids soliciting or urging one to join the Fraternity has often been magnified or misinterpreted, greatly to the injury of the Order. While it must always be of one's "own free will and accord," yet not to encourage good men, in a careful and proper way, to become Masons, is to be misunderstood, and, in effect, to reflect on the Order. We should also respectfully differ from the position of the Grand Master, in which however, he is in perfect accord with the rulings in several Jurisdictions—that a Lodge may not grant honorary membership, exempt from dues, after the lapse of any number of years, or for any cause whatever. We believe it not contrary to the genius of our Order to exempt men from dues after faithful membership for twenty-five or thirty years. In this nomadic age it is not probable, that the number would ever be large enough to peril the financial prosperity of any Lodge, and if such a case should be found it would to our mind indicate that the Lodge was dying of age and inanition.

M. W. Clay C. Bigger, Laclede, is Grand Master.

R. W. John R. Parson, St. Louis, is Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1909.

September 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Butte, the forty-fifth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was

opened in ample form by M. W. Cornelius B. Nolan, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from sixty-one of the sixty-two subordinate lodges in attendance.

Not in any way mentioning the climate, the Grand Master, in opening his annual address, sings sweetly of the wonderfully good things they have in Montana. Unfortunately, he risked considerable in his journeyings, crossing the state line, and tells of a calamity which befell him in far away Idaho, but he escaped with the grip, and fortunately got back to the land he sings about in time for the Grand Lodge, safely among his friends, with his rescued address. In it he tells us that death had not entered the ranks of their Grand Officers during the year; that he had constituted four new lodges under charters, and of laying corner-stones, we read:

In Missoula, I laid the corner stone of a building which is to cost in the neighborhood of \$91,000.00; at Billings, I laid a corner stone of a temple to cost in the neighborhood of \$90,000.00; at Red Lodge in a few weeks, the corner stone of a temple will be laid to cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00 and at Lewistown, a temple has just been finished which cost \$49,000.00.

And he dedicated the new Masonic Temple at Lewistown. Speaking of Masonic Temples he says: "These buildings when completed, chaste and classic in their architectural outline and design, will be a credit to the fraternity and an ornament to the cities which they will grace."

He announces the completion of their Masonic Home, and comments:

When we consider the population of our State and the membership of our Order, we feel that in the erection and maintenance of this Home, we are not laggards in giving practical application to our professions. In our progressive march we are still some leagues removed from the millenium. When that fabled age is reached, a state of perfection will cease to be characterized as an iridescent dream. While its faint outlines are still invisible to the naked eye and the charm of its influence is not perceptibly felt, we are trying as best we can to shape ourselves so that when the goal is reached the transition will not be too sudden and many of the things then easy of performance are now attempted with moderate and commendable success.

By dispensation he authorized the institution of a new lodge, and he granted special dispensations to ballot for, and confer degrees on candidates in less than the time prescribed by their law.

He says that he fell down in covering the territory which he had undertaken in visiting lodges, and takes us into his confidence, as others in his profession are sometimes wont to do:

It seems that throughout the entire year, at most unexpected moments, business matters arose which crippled my official program and this interference continued to the last moment. I arranged to go to Miles City on the 10th of this month to lay the corner stone of the Y. M. C. A. building there and after the arrangements were completed, I was advised by the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho, that

a case in which I was counsel was set for hearing at Lewiston on that date and so it went throughout the entire year.

He closes in verse.

The Deputy Grand Master, and Senior Grand Warden, had each visited many lodges, and submit reports. The Junior Grand Warden had also been faithfully visiting lodges and so verbally reported to the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Grand Secretary, submits a very full report in which he discusses the good conditions prevailing in the lodges throughout the state.

A full and entertaining report from the Board of Trustees of their Masonic Home shows that institution to be well established.

One lodge under dispensation was granted a charter. The business transacted in Grand Lodge was routine and not of general interest.

M. W. Brother H. S. Hepner writes the report on correspondence, covering eighty-five pages and reviewing the proceedings of seventy Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1908, is fraternally reviewed. We are glad to find him noticing, as so many others do, our Grand Secretary's report on our Masonic Home.

Our brother is pleased to write, and says in opening :

At the request of the Grand Secretary who is Chairman of our Committee, we gladly undertook the privilege of preparing the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence; the work of reviewing the seventy volumes before us was a labor of love, and we are grateful to the Chairman for the opportunity of tasting of the sweets of the "round-table."

Under British Columbia, he speaks of its writer on correspondence as a Reverend brother, and notes the fact that he published in 1909, two articles by one A. G. Pitts, which articles were, as we well remember, unfit for publication in any Masonic work, and now we wonder more than ever.

M. W. John L. Carroll, Butte, is Grand Master.

R. W. Cornelius Hedges, Jr., Helena, is Grand Secretary.

NEVADA, 1910.

June 14th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Reno, the forty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank H. Norcross, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-three of the twenty-five chartered lodges in attendance.

Material prosperity of the Craft throughout the jurisdiction is evidenced, peace and harmony prevailing, says the Grand Master, in opening his annual address. He pays appropriate fraternal tribute to the memory of the dead, among whom two Past Grand Masters are named, M. W. Brothers Michael A. Murphy and Horatio S. Mason.

Speaking of the erection of a Memorial to Washington, he says :

I know of nothing more fitting for American Masons to do than to join in the erection of such a memorial to Washington, the Mason. He was among the most conspicuous Masons of the Revolutionary period, which included among many others, such patriots as Robert R. Livingston, Joseph Warren, Paul Revere, Benjamin Franklin, John Paul Jones, Peyton and Edmund Randolph, and to these, may well be added such names as the Marquis de Lafayette, Baron Steuben and other distinguished foreigners who aided in the establishment of this government.

He did all the visiting among his lodges that he could, giving an interesting account thereof. He discusses leading questions engaging the attention of Masonic Grand Lodges, and takes up the more important problems of his own jurisdiction.

During the session of the Grand Lodge and on June 15th, the Grand Master, with his officers and the Grand Lodge, laid the corner-stone of the new County Court House. Resolutions favoring the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of England, June 24th, 1917, found favor and were duly adopted. The applications of the Grand Lodge of the state of Coahuila, Mexico, and the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina, did not find favor, and fraternal relations with the Grand Orient of Belgium, heretofore maintained, were dissolved.

The Grand Lodge approved a decision of the Grand Master holding that the fact that a man has lost the thumb and two forefingers of his left hand does not disqualify him from joining a Masonic lodge.

Brother Edward D. Vanderlieth again presents the report on correspondence covering one hundred and seventy-five pages. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended fraternal consideration. He quotes freely, and freely comments.

M. W. James C. Doughty, Elko, is Grand Master.

R. W. Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1909.

August 24th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of St. John, the forty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. John S. D. Chipman, Grand Master, with all, except one, of the Grand Officers, and a goodly number of representatives from the chartered lodges in attendance.

The conditions of affairs, the Grand Master says in opening his annual address, show that they have returned to an era of prosperity, and the financial condition of the Fraternity is better than ever before reported. He pays extended fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead. He expresses deep regret that, owing to his absence from the Province, he was not able to do all the visiting among his lodges which he had planned, yet he enjoyed greatly such visits, a goodly number, as he was able to make, and commends the plan of extensive visitation by the Grand Master. Much of the work of the Grand Lodge is planned, passed upon, and recommended by the Board of General Purposes, which meets between Grand Lodge communications.

The Grand Master had granted twenty-five special dispensations, "all being either to confer degrees at short intervals or to attend Divine Service in regalia."

The Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of its Committee on Foreign Relations, recognized the newly reorganized Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, sending hearty congratulations. The good will of Grand Lodges in the British provinces, wheresoever dispersed, extended to our American Grand Lodges, is very gratifying, and a cause of justifiable pride on our part.

Three District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports showing careful compliance with duty, principally that of visiting and instructing lodges.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. Henry S. Bridges, St. John, is Grand Master.

R. W. J. Twining Hartt, St. John, is Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1910.

May 18th, at Freemasons Hall, in the city of Concord, the one hundred and twenty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frederick W. Sawyer, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from fifty-seven of the eighty chartered lodges in attendance.

As visitors, M. W. Dana J. Flanders, Grand Master of Massachusetts, together with his Recording Grand Secretary and his Grand Marshal, were admitted, introduced, and received with the PRIVATE GRAND HONORS, and it is recorded that finely chosen words were exchanged in greeting and response.

In eloquent words the Grand Master, in opening his annual address, speaks of the influence of Masonry throughout the world, its great aim, and what it has accomplished. To the memory of their late Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Frank Dana Woodbury, who was Grand Master in 1890 and 1891, and who died November 19th, 1909, he pays fraternal tribute in extended record. He also records the death of their oldest Mason, Brother James Bellows McGregor, born September 6th, 1801, and died March 23d, 1910, and says of him: "He had been an honor to Masonry in our jurisdiction for many years." And adds: "Truly he was a wonderful man."

The Grand Master reports the granting of several special dispensations for the usual purposes; he had exchanged courtesies with Grand Jurisdictions, in the matter of waivers of jurisdiction over candidates, and the conferring of degrees by request; reports the dedication of a Masonic Temple and several Masonic Halls; and the installation of lodge officers. He was also present at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Baltimore, and the conference of Grand Masters in November, 1909. He did much visiting in his own jurisdiction, and was received as Grand Master on every occasion. He visited their

Masonic Home, and praises the good work going on there. He speaks with pride of his finding among his lodges ancient charters, relics, and records, and remarks:

The study of the earliest history of this Grand Lodge of New Hampshire has been intensely interesting to me because it is almost coincident with that period in history which marks the birth and early years of our beloved Republic. No human mind can measure or imagine the great influence which Masonry exerted in the establishment of this great nation. Not with publicity or show of power, but quietly, underneath the surface, was this influence manifest, preparing the minds of men for the new experiment of self government. Freedom, Justice and Equality, the cardinal principles of Masonry, were deeply imbedded in the foundation of our constitution, and though one hundred and thirty years have gone by since then, yet the foundation is unshaken and supports to-day one of the mightiest nations on the face of the earth.

The District Deputy Grand Masters were active in visiting lodges throughout the year, and each submits a report of good work done. Several amendments to their constitution were adopted, one of which prescribes annual dues for the support of their Masonic Home, as also a portion of the fees for all initiations, for the same purpose.

M. W. Brother Harry M. Cheney submits the report on correspondence, his fourth, covering one hundred and eighty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, receives favorable fraternal consideration. He likes the work and says:

Somehow it makes one feel that he has gained a Masonic acquaintance with the other reviewers, even to the most distant parts of the globe. Names, faces, never seen in the flesh, come to be as familiar as many whom we meet in the frequent gatherings of the home Lodge. It creates a pleasure that has no counterpart in Masonic labor, and this, to us, is where we gain our greatest compensation. The knowledge, the inspiration, always gained in this work, is a great satisfaction, but the contact, almost personal, with the brilliant men who are doing for their brethren the very things we are trying to do for our own, reaches to the very depths of joy and satisfaction. The sacrifice of time and effort is in this way amply recompensed. So it means that while the completion of such a task as this brings something of relief, that feeling is naturally accompanied by the touches of regret in parting from all the earnest writers of these most interesting and valuable reports.

Under Alabama, when the Grand Master recommended the enactment of a law by Alabama permitting persons therein, who reside within a fixed distance of a state line, to apply for membership in lodges of the neighboring jurisdiction, providing such other jurisdictions shall enact a similar law, he remarks: "To us this looks like recommending a complication—perhaps not."

Our plan of a Grand Lodge in each political state, territory, or district, is best explained by that eminent jurist, Simon Greenleaf, who at the erection of the Grand Lodge of Maine was a leader, and afterwards its Grand Master. He said: "As every Mason owes allegiance to the civil authority under which he lives, as well as submission to the

Grand Lodge, if the members of the latter were not amenable to the same laws with himself, a most injurious opposition might arise between his duties as a citizen and as a Mason." During the Morgan anti-Masonic persecution, some of the states, at least one, Vermont, enacted laws, which afford an example of what could well ripen into "a complication" as suggested by Brother Cheney.

M. W. Edwin F. Jones, Manchester, is Grand Master.

M. W. Harry M. Cheney, Concord, is Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY, 1910.

April 20th, at Masonic Hall, in the city of Trenton, the one hundred and twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by M. W. J. Clarence Conover, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from one hundred and seventy-seven of its one hundred and eighty-six subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master recites some of the grievances of the day in private and official life and declares: "That the highest hope of our beloved country today, in its brave struggle against the evil forces of darkness, discontent and disorder, lies in the use of the powerful weapons of Masonry, in the hands of the faithful craftsman, to whom should be accorded the highest praise ever given to man: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'" Death had not entered the official ranks of the Grand Lodge during the year, for which he expresses devout thanks.

From what he denominates "Titular Grand Masters" of bodies purporting to be Grand Lodges in Nicaragua, San Salvador, and Dominica, he had received communications soliciting formal recognition and the usual exchange of representatives. All of which he had not only carefully examined, but had submitted to the scrutiny of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and under his advice, he expresses the opinion that the organization in each has been so recent and is still in such an experimental stage as to make it inexpedient to take formal action in approval or disapproval of the requests.

He reports the institution of two new lodges under dispensation; the constitution of two lodges under charters, granted at the last preceding communication of the Grand Lodge; the laying of five cornerstones, and many official visits to his lodges. He was also present at the two conferences of Grand Masters, one at Philadelphia, and the later one at Baltimore.

He had been called upon to make a large number of decisions during the year, he says, but reports none, because no new question had arisen. He had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges, and several requests from lodges in other jurisdictions for his lodges to confer degrees had been received and cheerfully complied with. He had kept in close touch with the affairs of their Masonic Home and Orphanage, and speaks encouragingly of its success.

They have a Grand Instructor, and a corps of District Deputies, instructed by him in ritualistic work, and to these questions are submitted, and by the latter in case of doubt to the Grand Master, and under this system the jurisdiction is served to the great benefit of the lodges.

The Grand Master of Delaware and his associate Grand Officers, were duly welcomed as distinguished visitors, with appropriate fraternal addresses. A very full report of the Committee on Necrology is spread upon the record, as also from the Masonic Home Committee. The present number of residents at the Home is shown to be eighty-six. We think their example is worthy of consideration, hence extract:

The routine of the Home life has been brightened during the year by the following entertainments:

February 22d, 1909.—By talent from Churchill's Bureau.

June 30.—Members of Eastern Star Chapter of Camden held their annual picnic at the Home.

October 26.—By State St. M. E. Epworthians, of Camden. Stereopticon views and lecture on Yellowstone Park, by Brother Thelow, of Camden, assisted by R. W. Chas. Bowden.

December 3.—Brother Wm. C. Lawrence, of Trenton, lecture and stereopticon views on Bermuda, assisted by Brother Geo. Katzenbach.

December 17.—Stereopticon views on Alaska and other points of interest by Mr. Grosseup, assisted by R. W. Chas. Bowden. Piano solos by Mr. McArthur. Recitations by Miss Haines, of Camden.

November 25.—The usual Thanksgiving Dinner was served.

December 25.—Christmas Dinner. Entertainment talent from Churchill's.

November 18.—St. Mary's Glee Club, Burlington, N. J.

January 27, 1910.—Stereopticon views and lecture on Ireland, by Mr. Doughty, assisted by R. W. Chas. Bowden.

February 10.—Stereopticon views and lecture on Pilgrim's Progress, by Warren Bowden, son of R. W. Chas. Bowden, who assisted him.

February 10.—Stereopticon views and lecture on England, by R. W. Chas. Bowden.

March 1.—Stereopticon views and lecture on Ben-Hur, by Rev. Brother Cravatt, of Camden, assisted by R. W. Chas. Bowden.

We also extract from the special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

In countries knowing no other system of organized Masonry, and wherein it has prevailed for many years, Supreme Councils of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry have relinquished their suzerainty over the first three degrees of the Rite, and having erected lodges in which these degrees are alone conferred, have thereafter promoted the constitution of Grand Lodges holding paramount authority over such lodges, out of a desire to effect substantial conformity of organizations with that of the Masonic powers of the English-speaking world. Whenever and wherever that has been done the regularity of such Masons has been affirmed and the minor differences of language, ritual or local administration should not be magnified into insuperable obstacles to recognition by governing bodies of but slightly more orthodox derivation.

The report on correspondence was ably written by Brother Robert A. Shirrefs, covering one hundred and twenty-four pages, and reviewing

the proceedings of sixty-one English-speaking Grand Lodges, with an addenda of twenty-two pages, reviewing the proceedings of eight Grand Lodges of Germany, with whom the Grand Lodge of New Jersey has entered into fraternal relations.

M. W. Allton H. Sherman, Orange, is Grand Master.

M. W. Benjamin F. Wakefield, Trenton, is Grand Secretary.

NEW MEXICO, 1910.

October 17th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Roswell, the thirty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank Johnson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from twenty-six of the thirty-eight chartered lodges in attendance.

The loss, by death, in October, 1909, of their Past Grand Master, M. W. Brother Maximilian Frost, while not specially noted in the Grand Master's annual address, receives loving fraternal tribute at the hands of a committee, setting forth the official career of a remarkable man and Mason, who held many responsible public stations in civil life in New Mexico.

In his address the Grand Master reports many special dispensations granted; several special communications of the Grand Lodge for the ordinary purposes; the institution of one lodge under dispensation; the approval of lodge by-laws and the rendering of thirteen official decisions. He had visited the old home of Kit Carson, where it is proposed to locate a Masonic Home, to bear the name of that famous citizen.

Brother Walter P. Chisum, Grand Lecturer, submits a most encouraging report, showing that for two years he had visited, each year, every lodge in the territory, and that progress in securing uniformity is made.

A special report from the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M. W. Brother James H. Wroth, deals with conditions in Old Mexico, and we extract:

At the meeting on the 24th of March, 1910, of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico a new constitution had the votes of the majority of the Lodges in the Jurisdiction, and Grand Master and officers were elected. Upon the election of the Grand Master the representatives of seven Lodges with the honorary Grand Master *ad vitam* left the Lodge, and organized a new Grand Lodge of their own under the same name. There remained behind a majority of the Lodges of the Jurisdiction, hence the action of the original Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico in adopting the new constitution was to all intents and purposes valid, as being adopted by the majority, and in addition to this the Constitution had been read over and referred to the Lodges on the 30th day of January preceding, some sixty days prior, and had been accepted by all the Lodges, with four requesting amendments.

In looking over the list we find that the American Lodges and several Spanish Lodges stayed with the old Grand Lodge, but that the seven Lodges, together with the Grand Master *ad vitam*, M. Levi, organized another Grand Lodge by the same name, in which organiza-

tion they stated that they would not longer work together with the York Rite Masons, and demanded a separation.

This is a truly deplorable condition, and the writer greatly regrets it, but we feel that Brother Wroth's statement and conclusion are correct.

The Grand Lodge granted a charter to the one lodge under dispensation.

M. W. Brother James H. Wroth again presents the report on correspondence, covering two hundred and twenty-five pages, reviewing sixty-one proceedings of fifty-eight Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives extended notice, and our Grand Master Dowling's address is extensively quoted and receives generous praise. Brother Wroth quotes freely, and as freely comments, taking the necessary space to make his reports readable and very entertaining.

M. W. Edward L. Medler, Albuquerque, is Grand Master.

R. W. Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque, is Grand Secretary.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1910.

June 8th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Sydney, the last quarterly communication for the Masonic year assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. H. Montgomerie-Hamilton, Grand Master.

In opening his address the Grand Master voices the profound grief that is felt by all Freemasons, especially within the British Empire, occasioned by the death of King Edward, on May 6th, 1910. The Grand Lodge, on May 20th, the day of his funeral, had held a Lodge of Sorrow, with appropriate ceremonies.

The Grand Master reports official visits, attended by associate Grand Officers, to seventy-three of his eighty-five lodges. He had constituted, during the quarter, two new lodges, and had warranted another. He had dedicated a new Masonic Temple, and laid the foundation-stone of another. He had also granted special dispensations for various purposes. Of another good work, he says:

Freemasons' Benevolent Institution.—I had peculiar pleasure in attending the Annual Meeting of the Freemasons' Benevolent Institution on May 17th, and I heartily congratulate the President, R. W. Bro. SHIPWAY, P. D. G. M., and the Secretary, Wor. Bro. HEIGHWAY, on the grand result that has been achieved by them and the members of the Committee. The institution is carrying on a noble work, and deserves the fullest support of the Craft, and I was astonished to find that there are still some Lodges which do not subscribe towards its funds. I am very pleased to note that the Board of General Purposes has recommended an increase in the amount to be donated by us.

His year was busy in work for the Craft, and his account of it is most interesting.

The report of the Board of General Purposes shows active and

faithful service in the very important duties performed by it. From the report of the Grand Inspector of Workings, we extract:

I have been impressed with the interest that members take in their Lodges and their desire to do good work. Most of the Lodges are in a good working condition, and maintain uniformity of working, and a strict attention to the Ritual. In the multitude of applications for admission, I believe that every care is taken that unworthy material shall not be admitted. Many fraternal visits have taken place in the Metropolitan Lodges during the quarter. I have been pleased with the knowledge exhibited in the examination of candidates as to proficiency in the preceding degree. The "stamp of approval" has almost disappeared from the Lodges. I regret that so few Lodges have a choir or orchestra, as our beautiful ceremonials would undoubtedly be improved with the aid of good music. I believe that there has been a steady growth both in membership and interest, in the grand tenets of Freemasonry throughout New South Wales.

A very excellent report on correspondence, covering eighty-eight pages, presented by Brother Thomas L. Rowbotham, gives very valuable matter for the consideration of all who read such reviews. Nebraska, 1909, receives favorable treatment, and our Grand Orator, Albert W. Jefferis, is commended for his excellent address.

M.'W.' Lord Chelmsford, is Grand Master.

R.'W.' Arthur H. Bray, Sydney, is Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK, 1910.

May 3d, at Masonic Hall, in the city of New York, the one hundred and twenty-ninth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M.'W.'S. Nelson Sawyer, Grand Master, with all, excepting one, of the Grand Officers and a very large attendance of representatives from their seven hundred and ninety-one subordinate lodges.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master portrays the onward march of civilization. Never in the history of the world have the auguries for the future been so bright, he declares, and says: "Through the long span of years since its establishment Freemasonry has been the vanguard of progress; adjusting itself to the changing ideas of the times, but in fundamental truths changing never—by precept and example it has steadily made for better things, for truer manhood."

To the memory of the fraternal dead he pays fitting tribute, but in language, he says, cannot fully express our veneration for their virtues, or our sorrow for their loss.

To constitute six new lodges under charters, and to institute ten lodges under dispensations, he issued dispensations, and for the usual purposes he issued a goodly number of special dispensations. He exchanged representatives with a good many Grand Lodges, and he presided at ceremonies, such as dedicating Masonic Halls and laying corner-stones, and on other occasions during the year.

In discussing their Masonic Home he highly commends a standing

resolution of one of their lodges, providing that each incoming Master shall be required, within a reasonable time after installation, to make a personal visit to the Masonic Home, and the necessary expenses of such visit shall be a proper charge against the funds of the lodge. Their Home, at that time, he says, was sheltering four hundred and three people, of whom ninety-two were children, and he is confident that no other institution in the country can show better results in the general good order and contentment of its population, and further he says:

Beneficent and serviceable as are our charities to the old, it is nevertheless in the care and education of the young that the most satisfactory and valuable results are had. No Brother within the sound of my voice has more just reason to be proud of his own children than he has to be proud of those little ones whom Providence has placed in our care. Without exception they are manly boys and womanly girls. Sixty-nine of them are in the public schools of the City of Utica; their school reports show them the equal of any, and the unofficial statement of the teachers having them in charge is, that the children of the Home are in many respects the best of all under their supervision.

The total receipts, as shown in the Grand Secretary's report to the Grand Lodge, amount to the sum of \$202,217.72.

The Grand Lecturer reported having held conventions in all of their forty-one districts. Over each district a District Deputy Grand Master presides, and under this system a very efficient supervision of the work is maintained.

Their Grand Historian, R.'W'.Edwin A. Quick, who is engaged in furnishing a history of each lodge, reports an addition of twenty-five lodges, bringing the work down to two hundred and twenty-five lodges, in each, presenting all such matters from its organization as may be of interest to the general reader or the Masonic student. It is just such a work as might well be undertaken in every Grand Jurisdiction.

Voluminous reports from those having in charge their great properties, including the Hall in New York City, the Home at Utica, and other institutions, are very interesting and attest the magnitude of the great work carried on in this great state by our brethren.

Twelve lodges under dispensation were granted charters. We extract an exciting incident in Grand Lodge:

At this juncture of the morning session R.'W'.GEORGE J. KRAUS, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifth Masonic District, familiarly known as the Dandy Fifth, feelingly and eloquently referred to the presence of the children on the preceding day, and requested the privilege of donating one hundred dollars from the Masters of the Fifth District for the benefit of the children of the Home, an additional one hundred from a man who was not a Mason, but who had been impressed by the sight of the Home children the day before, an additional one hundred dollars from a member of Munn Lodge, and one hundred dollars from himself. The scene after this announcement beggars description. Scores of Brethren were on their feet at once, District

after District, Lodge after Lodge, and individual after individual, asked the privilege to contribute, until the sum of \$10,065 had been subscribed.

A wholesome provision in their Rules of Order, for the government of the Grand Lodge, is found in the following: "No Standing Committee shall sit while the Grand Lodge is in actual session, unless on leave expressly obtained."

As a preamble to be printed as a preface to the constitution and published therewith but not as part thereof, we find the following:

"THE MASONIC BELIEF.

There is one God, the Father of all men.
The Holy Bible is the Great Light in Masonry, and the
Rule and Guide for faith and practice.
Man is immortal.
Character determines destiny.
Love of man is, next to love of God, man's first duty.
Prayer, Communion with God, is helpful."

Among decisions we find what is undoubtedly the Common Law of Masonry, although declared as a legislative rule:

ILLEGAL ASSESSMENT FOR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

A resolution adopted by a Lodge assessing its members fifty cents per annum to defray the expenses of an anniversary celebration to take place thereafter is not an assessment levied for a strictly Masonic purpose, therefore illegal and of no effect, because violative of Section 50 of the Constitution.

MASTER'S DUTY:

It is the solemn duty of the Master to refuse to entertain any and all motions for the improper use of the funds of the Lodge.

The report on correspondence, including English-speaking Grand Lodges as well as those in foreign languages, is by M.'.W.'.John W. Jenkins writing for the English-speaking Grand Lodges, and R.'.W.'.Emil Frenkle and R.'.W.'.Emanuel Loewenstein, for those in foreign languages. It covers one hundred and fifty-seven pages. Nebraska, 1909, receives fraternal consideration. In speaking of our Grand Master DeBord's address, we find the following:

The Grand Master enters into a lengthy defense of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in the matter of making President Taft a "Mason at sight," and his argument, in our opinion, is the clearest and best statement of the case yet published. He proves conclusively that Grand Master HOSKINSON was clearly within his rights in exercising his authority in the matter, a fact which is almost universally conceded, and that being so, who of us may say him nay?

M.'.W.'.Robert J. Kenworthy, Brooklyn, is Grand Master.

M.'.W.'.Edward M. L. Ehlers, New York City, is Grand Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND, 1910.

May 12th, in Town Hall, in the city of Wellington, the twenty-first

annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Oliver Nicholson, Pro-Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers and a large representation from the chartered lodges in attendance.

M. W. Lord Plunket, Grand Master, was not present, but sent his apologies. He is the representative of the Crown and Governor of the Dominion. King Edward had recently died, and in the Grand Master's message we read:

Man proposes but the Great Architect disposes, and what was to have been, I believe, the largest and most enthusiastic Meeting of Grand Lodge, is practically a Grand Lodge of Mourning!

As loyal citizens and brother Freemasons I know that every member of Grand Lodge joins with me in heartfelt lamentation for the calamity which has fallen upon our Empire, and for the loss of the Patron of our Craft.

At such a moment it is impossible for me, remembering my public capacity, to take part in any ceremonies save those connected with the Sovereign, and I cannot, therefore, be present with you to-day.

This I deeply regret, as I had hoped to have personally thanked Grand Lodge again for the trust it so long reposed in me, to have offered my congratulations and paid my respects to your new Grand Master, and to have said some words of farewell to my New Zealand Brethren.

Nor can I feign ignorance that the proceedings were to have included the presentation of a substantial expression of the Brethren's kindly regard towards myself, and I am much disappointed not to be able to receive this generous gift during the Session of Grand Lodge and amongst representative brethren from all parts of the Dominion.

I can only assure my brethren that I am with them to-day in spirit and in sympathy: that I shall never forget their loyal support and constant goodwill, and that the progress of the Craft in New Zealand will remain of deep interest to me throughout my life.

In his address the Pro-Grand Master further speaks of the King's death:

"As Freemasons, his death directly affects us, for at the time of his decease he occupied the position of Patron of our Grand Lodge, and held the title of Protector of Freemasonry. I would remind you of the statement made by him on his accession to the Throne, when resigning the position of Grand Master of English Freemasons and assuming the title of Protector of Masonry, that 'he would not cease to take the same deep interest which he had always felt in Freemasonry.' His subsequent actions fully exemplified how well and truly he carried this into effect. The Craft throughout the world has benefited to a great extent through the late King's attachment to it and its principles and teachings. His potent influence was always exerted in the promotion and conservation of everything which pertained to the welfare and happiness of his people. He lived and ruled in the hearts and affections of his subjects."

The election of a new Grand Master, reports of the Board of Benevolence, of the board of management of the Widows' and Orphans' and Aged Masons' Fund, were all duly considered and disposed of harmoniously.

The Grand Master, under their constitution, appoints the Deputy Grand Master, and their District Deputies, calling them Provincial

Grand Masters of Districts. A district is called a Masonic province. The system of an exchange of Grand Representatives is maintained. Eleven newly chartered lodges were constituted during the year.

The Grand Secretary's report shows progress and great prosperity, and a healthy tone pervading the lodges.

M. W. Brother Alfred H. Burton presents the report on correspondence covering one hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-seven Grand Lodges. In opening he says:

I knock for entrance at the door of that mythical hall, where are supposed to sit in solemn conclave the Knights of the Table Round.

It may be that when my 'prentice hand becomes accustomed to the work, I shall be able to give, in concise form, my matured impressions of Freemasonry, as exemplified in other lands, especially in the United States of America. The reading of the many volumes of Proceedings that have come before me of late has "given me to think."

Nebraska, 1909, receives generous consideration.

Under District of Columbia, 1909, he speaks of a matter which may well call for caution, and suggests the objectionable condition hinted at, which undoubtedly exists. We read:

The Committee on Correspondence recommended to the favourable consideration of Grand Lodge the International Bureau for Masonic Intercourse founded by the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina in 1903. Its objects are, inter alia, to facilitate intercourse between Masonic powers; to favour the development of Masonic ideas; to collect every information possible about the organization and the activity of Universal Masonry; and to translate the most useful of Masonic works into various languages. This seems promising; but its usefulness will be limited should it be markedly associated with Grand Bodies who are suspected of using Masonry for ulterior objects foreign to its true aims and interests.

However, the District of Columbia agreed to contribute twenty dollars per annum.

His good judgment is shown in the following, under New York.

There is a delightful bit in the introduction to the Report on Foreign Correspondence that we must find room for. Referring to certain questions that had cropped up: the Mississippi-New Jersey negro question and the making a Mason at sight question, the committee say:—"We have made no comment in either case, recognizing first the fact that each Grand Lodge is sovereign in its own Jurisdiction; and second, that each was within its right to do as they did, and above all recognizing that the Grand Lodge of New York in its own wisdom, in its numbers, and its grandeur, has long since learned the important lesson to mind its own business, allowing others to mind theirs."

M. W. Christopher J. W. Griffiths, Wellington, is Grand Master.

M. W. Malcolm Niccol, Wellington, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1910.

January 11th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Raleigh, the one hundred and twenty-third annual communication assembled, and the

Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Samuel M. Gattis, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers and representatives from a large number of their three hundred and seventy-five subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master says that the growth of our Fraternity in his Grand Jurisdiction for the year had been marvelous; the number of Masons had increased more than in any previous year, and twenty new lodges had been formed and set to work.

To the memory of the fraternal dead of that and other jurisdictions, he pays appropriate fraternal tribute.

He reports that six special communications of the Grand Lodge had been held, one to conduct the funeral services of their late Grand Auditor, R. W. William S. Primrose, one to lay the corner-stone of a Confederate Monument, one to lay the corner-stone of a new Court House, one to celebrate St. John's day at their Oxford Orphan Asylum, and two to lay the corner-stones of monuments erected to the memory of illustrious dead.

Among his reported decisions we find the following:

Question 1.—A candidate elected to take the degrees in Masonry was duly prepared and conducted to the lodge. At the proper time and in due form the obligation of an A. E. was begun by the Master of the lodge and, at the first use of the word "swear" in administering the obligation, the candidate, for and on account of conscientious scruples, declined to swear, and asked to be permitted to affirm instead. The Master ruled that the candidate must be "sworn on the Holy Bible," and the candidate, still declining to swear, was led from the room. I was asked if the candidate could be allowed to "affirm" instead of being required to "swear."

Answer.—No; he must be sworn upon the Holy Bible.

He speaks in praise of their Oxford Orphan Asylum and of their proposed Home for Aged and Indigent Masons, their wives and widows, in co-operation with the Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Eastern Star as a growing and helpful auxiliary to the lodge, in the matter of relieving the distressed.

He is desirous of perfecting the District Deputy system, but as yet it has not been a success; but some of their District Deputies, he says, have done faithful and efficient work and deserve the praise of the Masons of the state. He was present at the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia, and expresses regret that he could not be at that held later in Baltimore. He discusses the question of perpetual jurisdiction; the making of a Mason at sight; and the quite general misunderstanding of the principle involved in the secret ballot.

The Grand Orator, Brother J. B. Carlyle, delivered a stirring address. His theme, "Light and Love—the fundamentals of Masonry," is ably applied to practical work and illustrated in our surroundings, notably in Orphanages and Masonic Homes.

Twenty-one lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

Brother John A. Collins presents the report on correspondence, his

fourteenth, covering one hundred and sixty-two pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-one Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, received generous space and kindly fraternal consideration. Under Virginia, he copies with approval, what Brother Eggleston says of those jurisdictions where printed rituals are indulged:

They are having trouble about lost ciphers, with all their restrictions and care, as is true everywhere where they are allowed at all. Our personal sympathies will not be here expressed, as they would be too feeble to be appreciated. We cannot even assent to the proposition that it is none of our business, for it is the business of every Mason, and we should all continue to demand the burning of every copy everywhere.

Speaking of conditions generally he says:

Prosperity prevails in every jurisdiction to such an extent that the governing thought is directed as to the best way of applying these material blessings to the aid and comfort of the widow and the fatherless. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has been a pioneer in this noble benevolence and other Grand Jurisdictions have recognized this service to the indigent and helpless and are earnestly engaged in the good work of providing homes and orphanages.

The Masonic Fraternity, the world over, is harmonious and where there are evidences of friction the differences are unimportant.

M. W. Richard N. Hackett, Wilkesboro, is Grand Master.

R. W. John C. Drewry, Raleigh, is Grand Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1910.

June 22d, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Fargo, the twenty-first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Halfdan Bendeke, Grand Master, with most of the Grand Officers and representatives from eighty-four of the ninety-six subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master pays loving fraternal tribute to the memory of their deceased Past Grand Master, and for nineteen years their very efficient Grand Secretary, Frank J. Thompson, who died February 25th, 1910. To all writers on correspondence, and those who read the annual reviews his name and his zealous labors are familiar. His brethren in North Dakota loved him. Memorial services, with addresses and tributes occupied a portion of the time of the annual communication.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of four lodges under charters, and the instituting of three under dispensations. He had approved the by-laws of two lodges, exchanged representatives with several Grand Lodges, one being that of Chili, and another that of Peru.

Two decisions he reports, one holding that a brother petitioning for affiliation must receive the unanimous vote of the lodge. He dedicated the Masonic Temple at Fargo, and the occasion was made much of by the Scottish Rite Bodies, who built and own it, and Masons from all

over the state were in attendance, and a banquet and musical program followed the dedication.

He was present at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Baltimore, and the conference of Grand Masters held in November, 1909, and gives a most interesting account of the doings there. Among his recommendations we are glad to note the following:

A Monument to the Memory of Frank J. Thompson.

I have spent considerable time consulting with brethren what we could do, in a small way, to show publicly our appreciation of the services which our deceased Grand Secretary Thompson rendered the Masons of the state, and know of nothing better than erecting a monument to mark his resting place. Therefore, I recommend that a committee be appointed to confer with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery requesting these bodies to join us in the erection of such a monument at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00, the Grand Lodge to pay one-half of the amount agreed upon, and that the monument be unveiled at the proper time with full masonic honors. I also suggest that the committee receive full power to act, and that in case any of the above named bodies should not think it advisable to join that the Grand Lodge erect such a monument at its own expense, but in that case the amount is not to exceed \$750.00.

The following shows a custom quite novel:

On April 29th, 1910, I had the honor to be present at the State Oratorical Contest at the University of North Dakota, and there presented to the winner of said contest, Mr. William H. Greenleaf, a beautiful gold watch, being the prize which the Grand Lodge gives annually in order to encourage the art of public speaking. Mr. Greenleaf's address upon George Rogers Clarke, "A Great Westerner," was splendidly rendered. The presentation was received with great favor by the large audience which seemed to appreciate the generous gift of the Grand Lodge. The committee will give a more complete report in the matter.

He did a great deal of visiting among his lodges, and on a trip in the east, visited Masonic gatherings at Philadelphia, and records his appreciation of what he experienced during his year as Grand Master. He thus speaks of what he enjoyed in the metropolis:

While staying in the City of New York, I called, on February 15th, 1910, at the Masonic Temple and received an invitation to visit St. Cecile Lodge No. 568, of New York. There I was introduced by the Grand Secretary E. M. L. Ehlers, of New York, and the Worshipful Master, John J. Dowers. This lodge has the distinction of being the first, and for forty years, the only lodge holding its stated meetings in the afternoon. Its members are mostly professional men, and the lodge is popularly called "The Actors Lodge." I was graciously received with the grand honors and given an excellent time. Work was done in the Master Mason degree, and it goes without saying that it was perfect. Several brethren entertained us during the intermission by giving recitations. It was very impressive to me to see the great interest taken in this lodge, and also to see the attendance of the members. I am sure that no one appreciates the value of Masonry more than the members of this lodge, as they are obliged to travel so much all over the world while engaged in their several professions. I do appreciate the privilege

of having visited St. Cecile Lodge, and am particularly indebted to the Worshipful Master of same and also to Brother Ehlers who is known among Masons as one of the best Masonic Grand Secretaries and writers in the world.

The transactions of the Grand Lodge were largely routine and conducted harmoniously. Three lodges under dispensation were granted charters.

Instead of a report on correspondence, the committee furnishes a digest of decisions found in the proceedings of other Grand Lodges. It is not proving to be a very interesting undertaking.

M. W. John J. Hull, Wahpeton, is Grand Master.

R. W. Walter L. Stockwell, Fargo, is Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1910.

June 8th, in the Lecture Hall of Acadia University, Wolfville, the forty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William Marshall Black, Grand Master, with a large attendance of officers, Past Grand Officers, and representatives from the subordinate lodges.

To lay corner-stones, dedicate Masonic Halls, and especially their new Masonic Home, several special communications of the Grand Lodge had been assembled during the year. The account of the dedication of their home, called "Freemasons' Home," is especially inspiring.

Before proceeding to business the Grand Lodge, as is its custom, went in a body to a church and listened to a sermon by their Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. Rev. William Driffield, from the text: "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the King." The sermon is full of interest. In his tribute to their deceased King Edward VII, we find what is of historic value, and extract briefly:

There was a time when some men feared lest English Freemasonry covered some hidden disloyalty. Although errors die hard, yet surely that delusion was shattered beyond repair when men realized that three of the sons of Queen Victoria were the holders of high office in the venerable Grand Lodge of England—Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, as Grand Master; Arthur Patrick, Duke of Connaught, as Senior Grand Warden; and Leopold, Duke of Albany, as Junior Grand Warden.

When, through the resignation of the Earl of Ripon, the Grand East of England became vacant, in 1874, many felt that a severe blow had been given to English Freemasonry. But the nomination of the Prince of Wales, and his acceptance of that high office more than repaired any damage done. His installation in April, 1875, in the Albert Hall, London, was witnessed by upwards of 8,000 distinguished members of the Craft.

We are told that, although accustomed to maintain strict control of his feelings on all public occasions, yet the Prince was visibly affected by the enthusiastic, prolonged and fraternal plaudits of his brethren.

In his address the Grand Master sets forth his official acts, showing great activity among the Craft, and his own careful supervision of its affairs. He was pleased to grant many special dispensations to

attend divine service in regalia, on St. John's Day, but he was more careful when applications came for dispensations to confer degrees out of time, expressing strong disapproval of the exercise of such authority.

Among his decisions we find the following one:

1. Oct. 29th, 1910.—The following question was submitted by Welsford, No. 26:—"Can a Master Mason hailing from subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Italy be admitted as a visitor in a Lodge in this jurisdiction?" I ruled as follows: "While we are not represented near that Grand Lodge, nor are we in correspondence with it no "EDICT" has ever been issued by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia prohibiting intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Italy, and a Master Mason representing himself as being under the Grand Lodge of Italy can be admitted as a visitor in any Lodge in our jurisdiction, provided he complies with the requirements of our Constitution regarding the examination of visitors and satisfying the examining committee that he is in good Masonic standing in his Lodge."

He had officially visited every one of their seventy-three subordinate lodges, and he had instituted one under dispensation, which by the Grand Lodge was chartered.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters were so complete and satisfactory that they received the commendation of the Grand Lodge. The report of the trustees of their Masonic Home is quite full and shows a good work enthusiastically carried on in that institution. The business of the Grand Lodge was largely routine and harmoniously conducted.

Brother Thomas Mowbray, P. D. G. M., and Grand Secretary, submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and sixty-eight pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges.

Under British Columbia, and as to Brother William A. De Wolf-Smith, we find him saying:

Brother Smith, while generally most excellent as a reviewer, is rather whimsical in some of his references to the Proceedings in our Grand Jurisdiction but we can stand it even coming from such a source. Referring to the fact that, at one place, an event was stated as occurring in 1991 and at another as 1901, and making criticism thereon is too small reviewing for such a big man but possibly his digestion was not good the day he wrote his review of Nova Scotia, so we will excuse him.

Nebraska, 1909, receives favorable and extended notice.

M. W. William Marshall Black, Wolfville, is Grand Master.

R. W. Thomas Mowbray, Halifax, is Grand Secretary.

OHIO, 1910.

October 19th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Columbus, the one hundred and first annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. B. F. Perry, Jr., Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from five hundred and twelve of the five hundred and twenty subordinate lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master expresses great pleasure in announcing a larger increase in membership during the year, than in any preceding year, and his confidence that the lodges, as well as the individual members of the Craft, are doing more toward the upbuilding of character, more nearly fulfilling the mission of the great brotherhood, than ever before. All of their 520 lodges had been inspected by their District Lecturers, whose reports were made to the Grand Master. Many special communications of the Grand Lodge had been convened for the usual purposes, dedicating Masonic Temples, lodge halls, and laying corner-stones, and three lodges had been constituted under charters. He had visited many lodges, approved lodge by-laws, and granted a great many special dispensations for the usual purposes.

Grand Secretary Jacob H. Bromwell submitted his twenty-second annual report, a most complete summary of the great volume of business passing through his office.

The invitation to participate in the organization of an association to erect a Masonic Monument to Washington, at Alexandria, Va., was, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, continued for a year, and in the meantime the Grand Master by himself, or through a committee of one, appointed by him, was requested to gather all possible information regarding the enterprise, and report at the next annual communication.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended, and the Grand Lodge granted two duplicate charters, where the originals had been lost by fire, and charters for three lodges under dispensations. The following will be read with interest:

M.'W.'Bro. Horace A. Irvin paid a beautiful tribute to the courtesies and hospitality extended by the members of the Fraternity of Columbus and the Temple Association; to the Street Car Company for honoring the badges of the members and their ladies in lieu of cash fare, and to the citizens generally for many acts of kindness, and moved that this Grand Lodge tender its thanks therefor, which motion, by a standing vote, was unanimously adopted.

A quite full report of the officers of their Masonic Home affords interesting reading, and shows a good work continued from year to year, ever expanding and taking on additional features of usefulness.

M.'W.'Brother William A. Belt submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-six pages devoted to a very interesting review of the proceedings of Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, received fraternal consideration. We quote from his conclusion:

College clubs, or Lodges, as they are trying to make them, composed of those in and about an institution of learning, belonging to our Order, are increasing. Yale has one with a membership of sixty. And related to this feature is the fact that many college libraries are accumulating Masonic literature. The drift of these clubs is toward a study of our Institution's history, symbolism, and literature. This we are glad to

see. So while active Lodges "labor" these college clubs may enjoy "refreshment."

M. W. H. S. Kissell, Springfield, is Grand Master.

R. W. Jacob H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, is Grand Secretary.

OKLAHOMA, 1910.

February 9th, at Scottish Rite Temple, in the city of McAlester, the second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Henry L. Muldrow, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from three hundred and twenty-eight of their three hundred and eighty-five subordinate lodges in attendance.

R. W. William H. Talmidge, Grand Orator, delivered a very entertaining address, forecasting the future and extolling the part taken by Masonry in hurrying the day of good things.

The Grand Master in opening his address pays tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, but death had not touched the official ranks of the Grand Lodge. He reports the constituting of twenty newly chartered lodges; the visiting of a goodly number of the subordinate lodges; the granting of a great many special dispensations; speaks of the making of William H. Taft a Mason at sight; the dedication of Masonic Halls, and discusses conditions in the lodges throughout his Grand Jurisdiction. He comments most favorably upon the conferences at Philadelphia and Baltimore, held by Grand Masters in 1909, and commends the recommendations there made, and regards with favor, as all Masons presumably do, the efforts being put forth to secure uniformity throughout the Masonic world. He had given much of his time to their Masonic Home and speaks encouragingly of securing an excellent location for it, containing nearly 640 acres.

Grand Secretary Joseph S. Murrow, in his report thus speaks of the re-chartering of their lodges, since the consolidation of the old Grand Lodges of Indian Territory and Oklahoma:

In conjunction with Brothers Muldrow, Bennett and Anderson, I signed the 385 new charters. I am an old Grand Secretary, next to the oldest in the United States, Brother Diehl, of Utah, being my senior. I feel safe in saying that these new charters are, probably, the most unique of any Masonic charters in the world. They are lithographed on excellent parchment, and the names of every member of each lodge in the state, on the thirty-first day of December, 1908, are printed in the body of the charters, the name of each lodge being printed in its own charter. This is part of the great work Brother Anderson has performed the past year.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

We, your committee appointed by the Deputy Grand Master, to report upon the Grand Master's Report in reference to the Mississippi-New Jersey incident, regarding negro lodges, most heartily sustain and endorse the position of our Grand Master, and recommend that the

Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma refuse fraternal relationship with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and in the future refuse to affiliate with or recognize a member from that jurisdiction so long as the Grand Lodge of New Jersey adheres to its present position upon the negro question.

We further recommend that the Grand Master of this jurisdiction serve notice of this action upon the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New Jersey.

To their Past Grand Master, and for many years Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Joseph S. Murrow, resolutions highly commendatory, were adopted, and he is empowered to undertake the preparation of a Masonic monitor for the use of lodges in Oklahoma.

Sixteen lodges under dispensation had been instituted during the year, and these were granted charters. The lodges under dispensation, having officers in attendance, were granted representation, and paid mileage and per diem.

A short report on correspondence, covering thirty-one pages and reviewing the proceedings of only twelve Grand Lodges, is the joint undertaking of four brethren. Nebraska was not in it. The work is well done and merits appreciation.

M. W. George Ruddle, Weatherford, is Grand Master.

R. W. William M. Anderson, Waurika, is Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1910.

June 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Portland, the sixtieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M. W. Norris R. Cox, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Grand Junior Steward, and representatives from one hundred and ten of their one hundred and twenty subordinate lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master, in his address, speaks "In memoriam," of the loss of their Past Grand Master, William Davenport Hare, and pays tribute to his memory. He had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges; constituted four lodges under charters; instituted two under dispensations; and laid corner-stones for Masonic and public buildings.

Among his decisions we find the following:

Question—An application for the degrees was read, and a committee appointed. Before the committee reports the applicant finds it necessary to leave the state and asks a member to withdraw the petition, and on motion the application was withdrawn and the committee discharged. Subsequently the applicant found that it was not necessary to leave the state and desires the degrees. Is it necessary to sign a new application blank and appoint a new committee, or does the old one hold?

Answer—It is a well established Masonic law that as soon as the petition for the degrees is read it becomes the property of the lodge and passes out of the control of the petitioner. An applicant for the degrees is symbolically considered as material for the Temple

and must be either accepted or rejected. It being therefore illegal to have the petition withdrawn, the old petition and committee would hold.

In granting a good many special dispensations, he exercised the power quite liberally,—nine were for the waiving of time for the conferring of degrees.

The Grand Lodge extended fraternal greetings and recognition to the new Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Iowa, then in assembly at Waterloo.

To provide aprons for Past Grand Masters, a committee had designed suitable ones, and procured twenty-five, with a case for each, at a cost of \$625.00.

An excellent address, by Brother B. B. Beekman, Grand Orator, discusses the tenets and precepts of our Fraternity, and is a valuable contribution to Masonic literature.

M. W. Brother John M. Hodson again submits the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and forty-nine pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-nine Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, receives generous space; our Grand Master DeBord's address is liberally quoted, Brother Jefferis' oration praised, and some space given to extracts from our report on correspondence.

From his conclusion we extract:

Half a century ago it was the tendency of Masonic thought and conduct to give careful attention and obedience to the ancient laws and usages of Free Masonry, as expounded by Anderson, Preston, Webb and Mackey, who were followed and endorsed by the early writers of correspondence, such as Drummond, Pillans, Singleton, Vincil and Cunningham, all now passed to the great beyond, after having served well their day and generation, and their names are household words to the Masonic student and it is known to all that they stood with many not named almost as one man in support of the maxims of the fraternity as interpreted by Mackey as the leading writer upon Masonic law history and usages. Into this school of thought this writer was initiated, received his degrees and led his Masonic life, having had several years active experience in each branch of the Great Fraternity.

M. W. Charles E. Wolverton, Portland, is Grand Master.

R. W. James F. Robinson, Portland, is Grand Secretary.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1910.

June 23d, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charlottetown, the thirty-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. W. P. Doull, Grand Master, with all the principal Grand Officers and representatives from all their fourteen chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master gives expression to the great loss of all British subjects, in the death of King Edward VII. Speaking of his Masonic career, he records that it was in 1869, that Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, received his first Masonic light at the hands of King Charles XV. of Sweden.

Speaking of his Grand Jurisdiction, the Grand Master discloses some most interesting information, saying :

Brethren, we are a small Jurisdiction. Territorially (though not numerically) we are the smallest Jurisdiction on the face of the earth and being an Island we cannot hope to ever have our borders expanded. We are steadily growing in numbers and financial strength but we talk in small figures compared with other Grand Jurisdictions; yet there is no large Jurisdictions where less commercialism is shown, where ritual is more uniform, where higher proficiency is demanded in the candidate's examination, where the constitution is more closely regarded, where the prerogatives of the Grand Master are so seldom invoked and where the ballot guards more jealously the admission of unworthy material. Think of it, a Grand Lodge thirty-five years old, that has never had occasion to suspend or expel a single member.

As an appendix to his address he gives a very interesting list of the membership of the Grand Lodge, giving the lodge in which each brother is at present a member, the highest honor or position held in the Grand Lodge and date of the same, and if ever a Grand Representative, the name of the Grand Jurisdiction and date of commission. We do not recollect seeing the data afforded in so concise form. It will be treasured as a valuable paper in their archives.

In his report, the Grand Secretary says that he had mailed to each Master Mason in the jurisdiction a copy of their proceedings. This, we think, is a custom in that Grand Jurisdiction, and it is doubtless of great advantage to the Fraternity, and might well be copied in larger Grand Jurisdictions.

He made some well considered recommendations, all of which were adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Deputy Grand Master, likewise, had visited every subordinate lodge in the jurisdiction, well meriting the commendation accorded him by his brethren in Grand Lodge.

Some time was devoted to amending the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge. There is no report on correspondence.

M. W. William Stewart, Summerside, is Grand Master.

M. W. P. Doull, Charlottetown, is Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1910.

February 9th, at Masonic Temple, in the city of Montreal, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. J. Alex. Cameron, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, except the Deputy Grand Master, and representatives from fifty-eight of their sixty-two chartered lodges, in attendance.

A somewhat extended discussion of conditions surrounding the Craft in the Province of Quebec marks the opening paragraphs of the Grand Master's address. With more than usual vehemence, ecclesiastics, with no more basis than that of bigotry and falsehood, had opened

anew their fulminations against Freemasonry, and the Grand Master with rare patience and forbearance submits his views of the matter.

Every well informed man knows that in no English-speaking country is the French brand of Masonry recognized as Freemasonry at all, but it is denounced by every Grand Lodge as false, spurious, and antagonistic to the very foundations of our Order. But our enemies, willfully blind to the truth, refuse to differentiate between the true and the false and continue their senseless attacks. We briefly quote:

During the year, I have been frequently urged but have declined to use the medium of the public prints to deny those false assertions and to endeavor to correct the misapprehensions thereby induced. I confess that it would be to me as much as to any one, a source of supreme satisfaction if, in some lawful manner compatible with the dignity and honor of Masonry and with the firmly-held belief that it needs no apologist, our fellow-citizens could be made to know that while they are forbidden to join us, it is for laudable purposes, absolutely outside the spheres of religion or politics, that we, in common with a great body of men in the British Isles and Dominions generally and in the United States, have ranged ourselves beneath the banners of Masonry; and that is it an insult to intelligence to propagate the erroneous belief that we or our brother Masons anywhere with whom we have fraternal communication, have either purpose or inclination to pervert the religious belief of our fellow-citizens or subvert the authority of their religious leaders.

He reports the progress of the year as very satisfactory; the granting of a good many special dispensations; the laying of corner-stones; official visits to his lodges; and the other usual routine duties of his office. The District Deputy Grand Masters submitted reports showing active service in their respective fields.

R. W. Bro. Rev. Allan P. Shatford, District Grand Chaplain of the Montreal District, delivered a very interesting address upon the symbolism of Masonry.

M. W. Brother E. T. D. Chambers presents his annual report on correspondence, to the great delight of those who read Masonic reviews. Occasionally he experiments in expressions quite out of the usual, and we extract a sample, taken from what he says of Brother DeWolf-Smith, reporter for British Columbia: "He has pleasant enough notice of Quebec's proceedings, and convinces us that he has no intention of misrepresenting our views, notwithstanding the interpretation that it is impossible to divorce from the employment of words in certain combinations."

M. W. J. Alex. Cameron, Montreal, is Grand Master.

R. W. Will H. Whyte, Montreal, is Grand Secretary.

QUEENSLAND, 1910.

The volume of proceedings reaching our table does not contain statistics, such as are included in our table appended, from year to year, to our reports on correspondence. We find recorded the proceedings

of two quarterly communications, and several special communications. One of the specials was assembled on May 20th, 1910, being a Lodge of Sorrow, held in memory of their late King, His Majesty Edward VII, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Brisbane. The Grand Master, M.'W.'A. M. Hertzberg, presided, with a very large attendance of Grand Lodge officers, members, and brethren. A full account of the solemn services is given. The Grand Master delivered an oration, from which we extract:

You will say, Why this special Masonic function in honour of a King, when the same object might have been attained by our attendance at the solemn "In Memoriam" Services in our respective Churches? Well, Brethren, let us remember that our late beloved King was a brother Mason, and in his position as King he ever endeavoured to demonstrate in his life the great truths, which our noble Craft stands for so pre-eminently. Masonry in its final and complete analysis stands for the brotherhood of man the world over, and our late beloved brother, King Edward VII.—mindful of its noble teachings—strove with all his might, with all his powerful influence as King of the mightiest nation the world has yet seen, and with his strong personality, to enlist the sympathy of the monarchs of the earth towards peace, which is the one and only practical way to demonstrate the true brotherhood of man.

The great success which attained his efforts in that direction is a matter of history, and for these noble efforts of his, we as Masons will be ever grateful, and rejoice that we were privileged to number among the members of our noble Craft, a King who did so much to demonstrate to the world the duty of a King and of a Mason.

From the record of the quarterlies, one held in March, and another in June, we learn of an excellent condition of affairs in that Grand Jurisdiction.

They maintain a Widows, Orphans, and Aged Masons institution, which is doing a good work, and is loyally maintained by the Craft.

There is no report on correspondence.

M.'W.'A. M. Hertzberg, is Grand Master.

R.'W.' Charles H. Harley, is Grand Secretary.

RHODE ISLAND, 1910.

May 16th, in Freemasons Hall, in the city of Providence, the one hundred and twentieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.'W.' Stephen Magown, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from thirty-four of the thirty-seven chartered lodges in attendance.

The year had been one of prosperity throughout the jurisdiction, and the true spirit of brotherhood had been the watchword in all the subordinate lodges, says the Grand Master, in opening his address. He pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead, noting interesting events in the life of each brother memorialized.

He had issued, he says, the usual number of dispensations, as they all came, he says, well within the prerogative of the Grand Master.

He does not burden the record with a detailed list of them. One decision, only, does he report, and that holding to a well known rule, but we reproduce it in part:

“Query 2. Whether it is a proper procedure for the Master to allow the Junior Warden to administer the obligation when he, the Master, is present.

“Decision. The Master, by virtue of his prerogative, has legal right to call upon any Master Mason in good standing, to assist him in any part of the work of conferring degrees.”

He had exchanged representatives with Grand Lodges; sanctioned the conferring of degrees upon candidates by lodges in other jurisdictions, and reports the granting of release of jurisdiction 'by his own lodges that the same might be done, and he had officially visited among his lodges.

He had responded to some of the many invitations to Masonic gatherings in other Grand Jurisdictions, was present at the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia in 1909, and later in the same year at Baltimore, and expresses the pleasure he felt on these important occasions.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Lecturer are quite full, and attest the faithful performance of duty by these officers.

A very interesting report of the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, is a feature in the volume under review. The business of the Grand Lodge was routine, presenting only the ordinary matters coming before such a body.

A memorial of the newly-elected Grand Master, Henry Warren Rugg will be read by all old reviewers. He died on July 21st, 1910. We extract:

For the past forty-four years he has wrought in this city as a loyal Christian minister.

His wise counsel and tireless activities in the various walks of life have been most marked, as was illustrated in the deep interest he always showed in those matters which had for their object the advancement of educational work. He left upon the public school system of Providence an indelible impress for good in the work done during the years when he was a member of the School Committee, and in our Fraternity throughout the State and nation his life work has contributed in no small measure to the maintenance of the integrity of Freemasonry, the Institution so dear to his heart.

Whenever Grand Lodge has been called upon to perform Masonic work,—whenever the Fraternity needed a champion to proclaim her virtues,—he was always ready and willing to serve. No one can read the history of Grand Lodge without being impressed with his intense devotion and loyalty to our cause, and we gratefully acknowledge what we owe to his accomplishments.

As editor of the “Freemasons Repository” for many years, he early became known to the Masonic world at large as a scholarly teacher of broad culture, well versed in Masonic Jurisprudence, and having a profound knowledge of Masonic History.

By his death Freemasonry has lost one of its best and most steadfast defenders.

There is no report on correspondence.

M. .W. .James Bacon Gay, Providence, is Acting Grand Master.

R. .W. .S. Penrose Williams, Providence, is Grand Secretary.

SASKATCHEWAN, 1910.

June 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Saskatchewan, the fourth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. .W. .Harold Jagger, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from all but four of their fifty-three chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master reports great growth in lodges and membership, and speaks of good work performed by their District Deputy Grand Masters. He speaks of the great loss sustained throughout the British Empire, in the death of King Edward VII, Past Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, and Protector of the Craft, and pays loving tribute to the memory of the fraternal dead. He reports the constituting of thirteen lodges under charters, and the instituting of fourteen under dispensations. Special dispensations, thirty-eight in number, he had granted, and he had exchanged representatives with other Grand Jurisdictions.

They have a Board of General Purposes, which meets from time to time during the year, taking up matters of pressing importance, and reporting to the Grand Lodge. Other standing committees do a large amount of work, so that the Grand Lodge, at its annual communication, has before it a comprehensive summary of conditions, and the routine dispatch of business runs smoothly and harmoniously.

R. .W. .Brother A. S. Gorrell submits a well written report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty-seven pages, and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, receives favorable fraternal consideration.

M. .W. .W. B. Tate, Qu'Appelle, is Grand Master.

R. .W. .John M. Shaw, Regina, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1910.

April 20th, at Freemasons Hall, in the City of Adelaide, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. .W. . Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Samuel James Way, Chief Justice of South Australia, Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, etc., etc., with a large number of Grand Officers, permanent members, and representatives of the chartered lodges in attendance.

The volume under review also contains the record of their proceedings at a half yearly communication, and of a Lodge of Sorrow, holden October 17th, 1909, to pay their last tribute of respect to the

memory of V. W. Bro. James H. Cunningham, Grand Secretary for more than twenty-five years.

There is no annual address from the Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, in its report, supplying the information usually contained in Grand Masters' addresses. From it we learn that the year had been one of steady progress and material advancement; four new lodges had received warrants, three of which had been consecrated, and three new Masonic Temples had been dedicated. The Grand Master had laid the top-stone of the tower of a church and the foundation-stone of another with Masonic honors; and he had dedicated several new Masonic Temples, and lodge halls. There are now, the report says, fifty-three lodges in active working; of these twelve are city lodges and meet at Freemasons Hall, in Adelaide, while of the remaining forty-one suburban and country lodges, no less than twenty-seven have their own temples.

R. W. Brother Charles R. J. Glover, Grand Secretary, presents the report on correspondence, in forty pages, briefly reviewing a good many Grand Lodges. Under "England," he gives some interesting data; there are 2,843 lodges, approximately 200,000 members, 652 lodges, he says, meet in London, 1,597 in the provinces, and 594 abroad.

Grand Master Way, was re-elected.

R. W. Charles R. J. Glover, Adelaide, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1909.

December 14th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Charleston, the one hundred and thirty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. James L. Michie, Grand Master, with the principal Grand Officers, and a large attendance of permanent members and representatives of subordinate lodges.

In opening his address the Grand Master speaks of their annual communication in the metropolis of their state, and of Masonry, and year after year the true spirit of Masonic brotherhood has welcomed their assembling.

Death had not invaded the official ranks of the Grand Lodge during the year. The Grand Master had visited lodges in all parts of the state, and reports good conditions. He was present at the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia in 1909, and enters largely upon the matters there discussed and recommended, with full approval of the same. In closing he echoes the words of Grand Master Eggleston, of Virginia, who said: "That the English language and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary are utterly incapable of expressing our thanks to the Grand Master of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and its assistants, and to the city of Philadelphia, for their splendid hospitality. They know perfectly well that we will never forget this occasion, or them, as long as we live."

The Grand Master reports the granting of a good many special dispensations, some of which authorized the election of candidates at special lodge meetings, some to confer degrees out of time, and others

to advance more than five candidates at the same meeting; the exchange of representatives with Grand Lodges; the instituting of four lodges under dispensations, and the constituting of seven under charters; the laying of ten corner-stones; and several decisions. He had served two years, and says that he had devoted more than half of that time to the duties of his office, and feels that he is fully compensated by the friendships formed among his brethren, and adding:

As I told you two years ago, "No higher ambition has ever been mine than to be Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina." I esteem the honor you have twice conferred on me as the highest this world can ever bestow upon me. I would rather be Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina than Governor of the State. And now that the ambition of my life has been realized, I am ready and willing to assume my place in the ranks of our Order, where I shall always be found, while life lasts, working for the good of the fraternity that has bestowed on me the highest honor it had in its power to confer. Words fail me when I try to express, in appropriate and fitting terms, my appreciation of the honor you have done me. From the depths of a grateful heart I give you my sincerest thanks.

The eighteen District Deputy Grand Masters reported, all showing faithful performance of duty.

R. W. Jacob T. Barron, Grand Secretary, submits a concise report of all matters passing through his office. He has generally furnished a report on correspondence, but owing to ill health was unable to do the work for this year. We hope his health may be restored, and that his brethren may yet have the pleasure of reading his reviews, which have always been entertaining and instructive.

Three lodges under dispensation were granted charters. A well deserved approval of the Grand Master's official acts is found in the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, and his zeal, ability, and faithful attention to duty, everywhere evidenced in his record, are commended by the committee, and the Grand Lodge.

The reports of the standing committees are quite full, and careful attention to every matter passed upon, is noticeable in the proceedings.

M. W. James R. Johnson, Charleston, is Grand Master.

R. W. Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, is Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1910.

June 14th, in Masonic Hall, in the city of Pierre, the thirty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Samuel A. Brown, Grand Master, with representatives from ninety-three of their one hundred and twenty-one subordinate lodges in attendance.

In a vein of humor the Grand Master opens his annual address, but turns to more serious expressions in paying fraternal tribute to the memory of their dead of the year, among whom are a Past Deputy Grand

Master, William H. Miller, Sr., a Past Senior Grand Warden, and their Past Grand Master Byron Plympton Dague.

In speaking of Past Grand Masters Cunningham of Ohio and Robbins of Illinois, whose deaths terminated their labors as writers on correspondence for many years, he says:

Curiously they were pitted against each other all their lives upon the subject of higher Masonry. Dr. Robbins contended that originally Masonry was three degrees only, and although he had taken all the degrees except the 33° he contended that they were no part of Masonry, that they ought not to be held as such, that they are deleterious and ought not to be tolerated. Cunningham held that Masons of the Chapter, Commandery and Consistory are a help instead of a hindrance—and so it went on for many years. But the old saying that the truth could not be got at in Masonry has lost its application, for everything now is printed and printed right except the ritual. To me it is a personal bereavement to lose these great workers, and I could not return to the round table of Correspondents without feeling lonesome.

And he speaks in terms of highest praise of the late King Edward, as a statesman, the lover of peace and of Freemasonry.

He reports the constituting of four lodges under charters and the instituting of two under dispensations. He highly commends the labors of their Grand Lecturer, under whose guidance practical uniformity in the work has been accomplished. He discusses the subject of conferences, and especially those held by Grand Masters at Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, highly commending such labors. Fraternal relations call from him a desire, evidently, to extend their scope to include about every thing on the continent of Europe, excepting, only, the Grand Orient of France, and his historical review of the German Bodies is very interesting. He extols the Grand Lodges of Switzerland, Alpina, and Hungary, and the Grand Orients of Belgium and the Netherlands, notwithstanding their fraternizing with the Grand Orient of France. He closes by a reference to Halley's comet, railroad accidents, and a declaration that the state he lives in is the healthiest community on the globe.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations recommended, and the Grand Lodge concurred in the following:

Your committee further recommends that the Most Worshipful Grand Master enter into correspondence for the purpose of establishing Masonic relations and exchanging Grand Representatives with the following Grand Bodies, to-wit:

- The Grand Lodge of the Three Globes-Berlin.
- The National Grand Lodge of Germany.
- The Grand Lodge Royal York of Prussia.
- The Grand Lodge of Hamburg.
- The Grand Lodge of Saxony.
- The Grand Lodge of the Sun, in Bayreuth.
- The Grand Lodge Eclectic Union, at Frankfort on the Main.
- The Grand Lodge of Concord at Darmstadt.
- The Grand Lodge of Denmark.
- The Grand Lodge of Sweden.

Two lodges under dispensations were granted charters.

Brother Arthur H. Tufts presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and twenty pages and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-five Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, receives fraternal consideration, but he is in error as to our Grand Master DeBord's position on the question of making a Mason at sight. We extract from his conclusions:

We feel highly honored at having been assigned a seat for one year among the distinguished fraternity of the Round table. It has been a year of pleasure and profit to us, giving us a broader outlook upon the Masonic world. Traveling around with our note book among the various jurisdictions we note the general prosperity that prevails. Masonry is growing by rapid strides both in numbers and in the practical application of its tenets and principles. This prosperity and growth will continue so long as the tendency continues to be upward and onward to better things. Masonry is not, and should not be contented to follow in good works, but is destined to lead. Drunkenness, licentiousness, profanity, dishonesty and kindred vices are not winked at, but are everywhere condemned. Masonry is not a city of refuge for the wrong doer. Masonry the world over shows a disposition to put aside minor differences and make a strong pull all together for the uplift of mankind.

M. W. Samuel S. Lockhart, Milbank, is Grand Master.

R. W. George A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, is Grand Secretary.

TEXAS, 1910.

December 6th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Waco, the seventy-fifth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. T. C. Yantis, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from five hundred and sixteen of the eight hundred chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master in opening his address speaks of their rapidly increasing membership, and the great increase in the amount of work devolving upon the Grand Master. He was absent during nearly three months of the year, and his duties were discharged by the Deputy Grand Master. He speaks of the disturbed conditions of Masonry in Mexico; a splitting up of the Grand Lodge, Valle de Mexico, referring the matter to a special committee, upon whose report the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge:

"Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Texas continue its recognition of and friendly Masonic relations with the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, with its seat in the City of Mexico, and of which M. W. Bro. Jose J. Reynoso is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. Thompson is Grand Secretary, and that our Grand Secretary furnish to said officials a copy of this resolution, properly certified under the seal of the Grand Lodge of Texas."

The Grand Master reports having granted waivers of jurisdiction over candidates and in favor of lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, but when it came to requests from lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, for

his lodges to confer degrees by courtesy, he held it to be against their law, and that it could not be done. We marvel at this, for generally, and almost universally, such courtesies are exchanged.

He reports the constituting of twenty-six lodges under charters, and the instituting of eight under dispensation, and the Deputy Grand Master instituted two. A great number of special dispensations were granted, and a good many decisions find place in the record. A change of venue in a lodge trial was granted, and applications for other such changes were refused. Here is a record that will meet with surprise, we think:

On June 23, 1910, I received a request from Dallas Lodge, No. 760, for a dispensation authorizing said lodge to open on July 21st, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, Dallas, Texas, in the Master's Degree, for the purpose of receiving the Traveling Silver Trowel, and also to confer the Master's Degree. After a most searching investigation of our Masonic laws and precedents, I was unable to find any authority, expressed or implied, which would warrant the granting of the dispensation prayed for, and therefore, much against my personal inclination, I was unable to comply with the request.

The Grand Orator, Brother Augustus W. Houston, delivered a well considered address, taking for his text, "Our Obligation."

The report of the Board of Directors of the Widows and Orphans' Home, shows a good work, zealously maintained in that institution.

Rev. Bro. A. E. Baten delivered a most inspiring address on the subject of the Bible.

Charters were granted to twenty-four lodges under dispensations.

M. W. Brother Thomas M. Mathews, Sr., again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and nine pages. Nebraska, 1910, receives very favorable fraternal consideration. Of our Grand Master Dowling he says: "He makes several pertinent and needed recommendations for the consideration of the Grand Lodge which it will be well if heeded. That Grand Master Dowling had been faithful and earnest in the discharge of duty no one who will read his address can doubt, for which he well merited and received the commendation of his brethren." From his conclusion we extract:

BRETHREN:—We have come now to the end of another of our imaginary journeys through the various Masonic jurisdictions with which Texas holds fraternal relations, and in the preceding pages have been brought to you an account of what we have seen and heard in our wanderings, in the reading of which we hope you will be interested, and learn from it, at least, something of what your brethren abroad are doing for the uplifting and advancement of the doctrine of "Brotherly Love." That Freemasonry is progressing and advancing rapidly, possibly too rapidly for the ultimate good of the Craft, goes without the saying. Peace and harmony prevail everywhere and, save for the little cloud which has arisen between Mississippi and New Jersey, the Masonic sky is both clear and bright. This cloud we hope and believe will fade away and entirely disappear in the near future, if wise counsel and conservatism prevail as they should do. Such will

certainly be the case if meddlers do not interfere, and with "hands off" permit the sisters to settle their difference as between themselves. Let us at least hope so—all of us.

M. W. Walter Acker, Waxahachie, is Grand Master.

R. W. John Watson, Waco, is Grand Secretary.

UTAH, 1910.

January 18th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Ogden, the thirtieth annual communication assembled and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Fred Clement Schramm, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and Past Masters of seven of their fourteen lodges, as also other permanent members of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master's annual address is a brief but concisely written report of conditions and of his official acts. The year had been a very prosperous one for the Craft; the increase in membership the largest, with one exception, in the history of their Grand Lodge. but the Grand Master says that "we have made none at sight." Perhaps that is because he thinks "the Masonic institution is growing too fast," for he further remarks: "Men are so anxious to receive their Degree in a hurried way and advance to the so-called higher Degrees with the ultimate desire of becoming members of the Mystic Shrine." Returning to Brother Diehl's writeup of Brother Schramm's Masonic record, we find that, in the matter of taking degrees, our M. W. Brother has received about all that there are going. Hence he is good authority and we agree with his conclusion, "that the beautiful and impressive lessons of the first three degrees are often forgotten and the men who have received them in a careless and hurried manner are seldom if ever seen in Blue Lodge except perhaps once a year on election night, when they come and cast their ballot for the advancement of the Brethren who happen to be in line of promotion, without knowledge of their proficiency, their attention to their duties or their worthiness to advance."

We were not aware of any considerable change in the requirement of time between taking degrees of which he speaks in the following:

There must be a remedy for this and while many Jurisdictions discontinue the custom of requiring a certain length of time to elapse between the taking of the Degrees, still I am of the opinion that it is a good one nevertheless, and I recommend the passing of a law requiring at least two weeks to elapse between the conferring of each of the Degrees except in case where the Candidate's business affairs be such as to require him to leave the country, or some other emergency, in which case permission should be obtained from the Grand Master to waive such time as he may see fit.

He reports having officially visited all his lodges; the constituting of one under charter, and speaks of great progress in teaching the work.

And he issued an edict:

October 5th.—A Past Master of Mt. Moriah Lodge complaining to me regarding the action of the Worshipful Master of said Lodge

in permitting a candidate to be passed to the Fellow Craft Degree, who had not become proficient in the E. A. Degree, after an objection had been interposed by a member present, I issued an edict to Bro. C. I. Douglas, the said Worshipful Master, calling his attention to the law in such cases and forbidding the further advancement of the said candidate until he had passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge to the satisfaction of all the Brethren present.

The Committee on Obituary reported memorials to their dead, among whom a Past Grand Master and the Grand Secretary who served at the time of the organization of the Grand Lodge, are eulogized.

The Grand Lodge also adopted a standing resolution requiring documentary evidence from unknown visitors.

The Grand Lodge was banqueted by the local lodge immediately after the close of the Grand Lodge.

R. W. Christopher Diehl, veteran reviewer, presents his thirty-fourth report on correspondence, covering eighty-seven pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-five Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended notice, and its action on "making Masons at sight" receives his emphatic approval. Indeed, Brother Diehl is quite emphatic in his declarations; speaking of another subject, he declares that: "It matters little how 'bright and well posted' a Mason may be, if he fails to read and keep himself informed of the real essentials of the Institution, he will never be a living stone on the Masonic Edifice."

Brother Diehl has been a bulwark of strength in his Grand Jurisdiction, surrounded by conditions of annoyance, which required not only zeal, but wisdom, patience, and vigilance, and he has largely contributed to the maintenance of Freemasonry in Utah.

In speaking of the Grand Master of Wisconsin, he lets slip another emphatic exclamation: "He received an invitation from Grand Master Hoskinson of Ohio, to participate in a communication held in Cincinnati at which a distinguished citizen was made a Mason at sight, which he did not attend because not in sympathy with the purpose. Tally one for Grand Master Durgin of Wisconsin."

M. W. Charles Bruerton Jack, Salt Lake City, is Grand Master.

R. W. Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary.

UTAH, 1911.

January 17th, in Masonic Temple, in Salt Lake City, the fortieth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Charles B. Jack, Grand Master, with Grand Officers and representatives from thirteen of their fourteen chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master assures us that the work in his Grand Jurisdiction is organized and the lodges in good hands, doing conscientious work and endeavoring to comply in letter and in spirit with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

He had visited each of his lodges; had instituted one new lodge, assisted in conferring degrees, and had rendered efficient service in helpful advice and assistance in all the work of the year. Local conditions and enemies, which are again active, require vigilance which is maintained by faithful Craftsmen. He decided that:

2. The Board of Custodians may make verbal changes to correct grammatical errors or to harmonize different sections, and may agree upon all details not specified, but are not authorized to make other changes in our ritualistic work without consent of the Grand Lodge.

During the year, and at Masonic Temple, a large gathering of the Craft had been in attendance upon the celebration of the golden wedding of their Grand Secretary, Brother Christopher Diehl. The photographs of Brother and Mrs. Diehl adorn a page of the proceedings under review. On a recent visit to Salt Lake City the writer enjoyed a most pleasant dinner and evening with Brother Diehl, his estimable wife, their son, Judge Diehl, and several grandchildren. Brother Diehl, at his office, and at a lodge meeting enabled us to make the acquaintance of a goodly number of prominent Freemasons of that jurisdiction. From him we also learned much of Utah, and its people. He had been Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge from the year, (1872) of its organization.

No Mormon has ever been made a Mason in any regular Masonic lodge in Utah, not because of any legislation by the Grand Lodge, for there has been none specifically barring them. It will be remembered that in 1842, at Nauvoo, certain Mormons obtained from the Grand Master of Illinois a dispensation under which a lodge was instituted, but its members abused their privileges, disregarded restrictions, and developed into a rebellious crew. The Grand Lodge revoked the dispensation, and declared the nearly 300 members made therein clandestine, and that ended all connection between regular Freemasons and Mormons. But that Mormons have an organization, and secret ceremonies, peculiar, and which could only have found an existence because of the participation of some of their leaders with the Nauvoo lodge, is recognized by well informed men.

Salt Lake Valley, rich in its agricultural products, fruits, and flowers, presents a scene of beauty, at this season, spring. Salt Lake City, a city of more than 90,000, is a beautiful city, with many magnificent public buildings. A majority of its inhabitants are what the Saints call Gentiles, and many Christian churches, of the different denominations, are found there.

Religious differences with Freemasons, as with our National government, are not generally regarded, but when the living of an alleged religious dogma involves a crime against the law of every civilized and enlightened country, as polygamy does, the line must be drawn. That the Mormon church encourages and upholds such unlawful living is beyond dispute.

Brother Diehl submits his thirty-ninth annual report as Grand Secretary, and his thirty-fifth report on correspondence.

M. W. Gilbert Benjamin R. Pfoutz, Salt Lake City, is Grand Master.

R. W. Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, is Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1910.

June 15th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Burlington, the one hundred and seventeenth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Lee S. Tillotson, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from ninety-three of their one hundred and four chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master expresses confidence that the Masonic institution is surely established and enduring, in opening his address. Of death he says: "It may come quietly, peacefully, and almost like a mother soothing to sleep the tired child; and again its blow is so swift and is accompanied by such a torrent of passion and pain, that the shock and force of its impact awakens the whole community. Sometimes the Dark Angel's visit seems to be in response to the deliberate invitation of some over-sensitive, over-wrought mind, laboring under incentives of which we have no knowledge, and of which we therefore have no right to judge. * * * * But as we recall the pleasant intellectual face of one whom we knew well in life, our memories are all of his kindness and of his interested efforts in our behalf; and we cannot but feel that, although in the terrible storm of life the craft in which he sailed was wrecked by his own misguided hand, yet he, himself, has passed into a safe and peaceful harbor."

The Grand Master's practical grasp of what was best to do, as occasion arose, in the administrative discharge of his duties, is well attested in his carefully prepared report of his official acts. Their temple is not fully paid for, and he urges an early discharge of the debt. He reports few decisions, none of which is of more than local interest. A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland made a citizen of Vermont a Mason, during a few weeks' sojourn in the British Islands, and the Grand Master promptly issued an edict forbidding the admission of the gentleman into any Masonic lodge in the Green Mountain State.

He attended the conferences of Grand Masters at Philadelphia and Baltimore, and reviews briefly, and with full approval, what occurred on those occasions. He visited among his lodges, granted a good many special dispensations, granted some waivers of jurisdiction over candidates who had removed to other states, and performed other duties pertaining to his office.

R. W. Henry H. Ross, Grand Secretary, submits a full annual report. He also attended to other duties than those strictly pertaining to his office, and represented his Grand Master at the organization, on February 21st, 1910, of the Washington Masonic Memorial Association,

at Alexandria, Virginia, the object of which is to erect a Masonic Temple as a memorial to George Washington, under the auspices of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22, of Alexandria, Virginia, the lodge of which Washington was the first Master, and which now possesses many priceless relics of his life.

The zeal and well directed efforts of the Grand Lecturer and District Deputies received the hearty commendation and approval of the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers, and the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Brother Marsh O. Perkins, Vermont's accomplished writer on correspondence, presents an excellent, though brief review of the proceedings of only thirty-three of our Grand Lodges. We are sorry that Nebraska, like some thirty other jurisdictions usually included, did not reach his table.

M. W. Henry L. Ballou, Chester, is Grand Master.

R. W. Henry H. Ross, Burlington, is Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA, 1910.

February 8th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Richmond, the one hundred and thirty-second annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Joseph W. Eggleston, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from a very large number of their chartered lodges in attendance.

In opening his annual address the Grand Master dwells upon some of the most serious features of fraternal relations; of his brethren he says:

To some it is all the education they have; its Ritual their only instruction in the higher ideals and finer things of life, and that Ritual clothed in language that is to them sublime. Many of them look forward all the month to the Lodge meeting. Its comfortable room and its genial companionship are the bright spots in many meagre lives of toil and discomfort. They enjoy the handshake of their brethren as some of you can never realize. Let us be more careful, brethren, in our treatment of them. Which of us would knowingly send one poor brother home wounded and sick at heart? And yet I fear we often thoughtlessly do and never know it.

To the memory of their Past Grand Master Kosciusko Kemper, who died January 26th, 1910, he pays loving fraternal tribute. We extract a brief sentence: "As a lawyer, teacher, officer in Fort Sumpter during its dreadful siege, Mayor of the city of Alexandria, Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, and as such a successor to that greatest among men and Masons, George Washington—in all these public relations he measured up to the full standard."

He says that Masonry in Virginia is at high tide. High tide in numbers, in financial prosperity, and, best of all, in devotion to the exalted principles that go to make a Mason in every best sense a *man*.

He visited many of his lodges, sometimes officially, and sometimes

informally, addressing his brethren and assisting in conferring degrees when requested.

He gives a most interesting account of his attendance upon the conference of Grand Masters at Philadelphia in June, 1909, and an equally good account of the conference at Baltimore in November of the same year.

From his decisions we extract one:

15. That if a Lodge should acquit an accused of the charges and specifications made against him by a voluntary accuser, such charges and specifications appearing to it groundless, being the result of hatred, malice or unwarrantable passion, the penalty which the accused would have incurred, had he been found guilty, should then and there be imposed on the accuser. (Section 260.) I make this decision for the obvious reason that only those present at the trial are competent judges of the conditions, and that the accuser, when he voluntarily preferred charges, was "put upon notice," and has had his day in court.

He speaks in high praise of the good work being carried on at their Masonic Home. He instituted eleven lodges under dispensations, and he granted twenty-five special dispensations for the usual purposes.

This Grand Lodge maintains a committee on history of subordinate lodges, and its reports are of great interest to the Masonic student. They also have the district plan, with District Deputy Grand Masters. Ten lodges under dispensation were granted charters and two were continued under dispensation. Twenty-five per cent. of the per capita dues paid to the Grand Lodge is annually appropriated for their Masonic Home, and paid by the Grand Treasurer, in quarterly installments, to the Board of Governors of that institution.

Again M. W. Joseph William Eggleston, the Grand Master, an old reviewer, presents the report on correspondence, as he did during the first year of his administration. He finds precedent for this in one of his predecessors, who for two years, while Grand Master, continued the work, "to break the continuity of which would ruin it." In discussing the question of annual dues he declares that requiring dues in advance is unjust and unwise; that no lodge or Grand Lodge should require a Mason to pay for what he has not had and may never have; the very name of *dues* means what is *due*, and money cannot be due for privileges not given or received.

M. W. William B. McChesney, Staunton, is Grand Master.

R. W. George W. Carrington, Richmond, is Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON, 1910.

June 21st, in the city of Tacoma, the fifty-third annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. William Ray Baker, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and fifty-nine of their one hundred and sixty-five chartered lodges in attendance.

The Grand Master had been painstaking and had conducted his administration with ability. His address discloses his zeal in maintaining the landmarks, usages, and customs of our Fraternity, dealing kindly with those who sought to obstruct affairs by lack of deference to the high office which he represented.

No death had occurred in the official ranks of the Grand Lodge, but they mourn the death of a former Grand Master, M. W. Asa L. Brown, Grand Master in 1864, who had demitted and had been active in Masonic bodies in Wisconsin for many years, where he died August 28th, 1909.

The Grand Master reports the constituting of five lodges under charters, and the instituting of two under dispensations; the laying of eight corner-stones, and the granting of a considerable number of special dispensations, but he had refused several applications to confer degrees out of time, granting one to a seafaring man, where the reasons seemed sufficient.

Their law, relating to District Deputies, requires of the deputy an examination and a certificate of his ability. This had left quite a number of lodges without a deputy, and attests the care bestowed in a laudable effort to maintain efficiency. The Grand Lecturer, R. W. Charles D. Atkins, is commended for good work. He had dedicated Masonic Halls, granted a duplicate charter where the original had been destroyed by fire, and had visited as much as his time would allow.

R. W. Horace W. Tyler, Grand Secretary, submits his annual report, excellently arranged and very full, and he receives commendation for its accuracy from the Committee on Returns.

M. W. Stephen J. Chadwick, for the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted a letter from Brother W. H. Seamon, formerly of New Mexico, now in Old Mexico, and a recommendation, conditional, to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, which is published with the proceedings; we find no disposition of the matter by the Grand Lodge.

M. W. Brother Chadwick again presents the report on correspondence, covering 150 pages, 8 of which, are devoted to Nebraska, 1909, but principally to telling us what *he* knows. He gets after our Grand Master DeBord, admitting that he had a right to go to Cincinnati on a certain memorable occasion, but saying that "it was in exceeding ill taste for him to inject the subject as an issue in his own Grand Lodge," etc. etc. Then he gets after this writer. Now this writer has not, nor will, engage in any controversy in any report on correspondence, over the question of making a Mason at sight.

In a brief paragraph in our Grand Lodge report on correspondence, for 1909, we said: "Desaguliers, it is said by highest authority, received much of the inspiration to revive Ancient Masonry from Sir Christopher Wren," and in no other way by any word whatever did we mention or speak of Wren.

But after Brother Chadwick had used up Grand Master DeBord he turned on your servant: "Bro. PHELPS confuses legend with fact. When he adopts Sir CHRISTOPHER WREN as a Past Grand Master, his whole house falls." We had not said a word about Wren ever having been a Grand Master, nor in the slightest degree alluded to him, except as above stated, yet, building upon the assumption that we had, Chadwick proceeds to a labored recital, reminding one of the fellow who concluded that it was better not to know so much, than to know so much that was not so.

Chadwick's attitude reminds the writer of another former Grand Master of Washington, of whom our late Brother Drummond remarked: "He had a little superficial knowledge of Masonry and thought he knew all about it."

M.'W.'.Jeremiah Neterer, Bellingham, is Grand Master.

R.'W.'.Horace W. Tyler, Tacoma, is Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA, 1910.

April 28th, at Freemasons' Hall, in the city of Perth, the annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form by M.'W.'. the Right Rev. C. O. L. Riley, D. D., Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master, with a large attendance of officers, members, and lodge representatives.

From the address of the Grand Master we learn that the year past had been remarkable for its work of benevolence in the jurisdiction; forty-five official visits to the lodges, to which metropolitan Grand Officers had been summoned, had been made. He recommends that generally official visitations should be made to lodges when degree work is being performed. That, when an invitation to attend an installation is accepted, the Grand Master should depute two Grand Officers to attend to represent the Grand Master. Such officers, when entering or leaving the lodge, or when seated therein, shall not take precedence over other Grand Officers higher in rank who may be present, but the senior of the two officers deputed shall have the privilege of conveying the good wishes of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, and if necessary responding on his behalf at the Festive Board.

They have also a Pro Grand Master, who when in the province performs the active duties of the Grand Master. This station is filled by the Premier, M.'W.'.Brother N. J. Moore.

Their Grand Master exercises the authority, and confers honors upon Masters, Past Masters, and other lodge officers, by giving them rank as Past Grand Officers in Grand Lodge.

The Grand Inspector of Workings complains that:

Innovations are in evidence in many Lodges, which I have explained to Worshipful Masters, are not permissible. W.M.'s have, in many cases, complained that they have no means of arriving at a correct interpretation of a difficult ritualistic point, as they find by experience that no two authorities agree, which leads me to suggest

that an official Lodge of Instruction might be inaugurated by authority of the Board of General Purposes, which would, undoubtedly, lead to a correct and uniform rendering of the Ritual. Not enough attention is paid to the working of the First and Second Degree, and too much to that of the Third, the result being that the former are not given with sufficient care.

A very full and interesting report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-seven pages, is written evidently by several members of a committee, but their names are not appended to the report. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended favorable notice.

The Rt. Rev. C. O. L. Riley, Lord Bishop of Perth, is Grand Master. R. W. J. D. Stevenson, Perth, is Grand Secretary.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1910.

November 16th, in Masonic Temple, in the city of Hinton, the forty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Frank Wells Clark, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers and representatives from one hundred and thirty-six of the one hundred and forty-two chartered lodges in attendance.

In his address the Grand Master declares that prosperity abounds among the Craft; that "never before was Freemasonry such a great power for righteousness in our Commonwealth as today." He mourns the loss of their Senior Grand Warden, and a Past Grand Lecturer, and pays tribute in remembrance of their worth as men and Masons. By visitations, and through his District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Lecturers, he had kept in touch with the Craft throughout his Grand Jurisdiction.

Four special communications of the Grand Lodge, presided over by the Grand Master, and three by his special deputies, had been holden for the usual purposes, funerals, laying of corner-stones, and the dedication of Masonic Halls. He granted several special dispensations for the usual purposes, including that of conferring degrees out of time, and he reports a good many decisions. He was present on November 16th and 17th, 1909, at the dedication of the new temple at Baltimore and the conference of Grand Masters then held, and speaks of the event as one of great enjoyment and as promoting uniformity among Grand Lodges. He was also at another notable gathering of Grand Masters, and other distinguished brethren, at Alexandria, February 22d, 1910, at the organization of a National Association looking toward the erection of a Masonic Temple, as a National Memorial to George Washington the Mason, and as a home for the priceless Washington relics, now in the lodge rooms of Alexandria-Washington Lodge, over which Washington presided as the first Master. He concludes with a most earnest discussion as to the meaning of Masonry and the place it should and does occupy in the life of the world, and touching the individual.

M. W. Brother Hiram R. Howard, Grand Secretary, presents a

most explicit report of the doings of the year, and submits well considered comment upon subjects which every member of the Craft in his Grand Jurisdiction should ponder.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are quite full. One lodge under dispensation was granted a charter. The reports of the standing committees were complete and the routine business of the Grand Lodge was harmoniously considered and despatched.

W. Brother Virgil A. Lewis submitted a most interesting paper revealing early Freemasonry in West Virginia.

The Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Hiram R. Howard, presents the report on correspondence, his fifth, covering two hundred and sixteen pages, and reviewing the proceedings of sixty-six Grand Lodges. Nebraska, 1910, receives liberal consideration. Our Grand Master Dowlings's address is liberally quoted, and of him he says: "His head is level."

From his conclusion we extract a sort of summary of what he found:

There are no new or novel questions to engage attention. The subjects of making Taft a Mason at sight, the Conferences of Grand Masters at Philadelphia and Baltimore and a National Grand Lodge, the most prominent topics of the year, have all been threshed over and quieted down, while even Mississippi's withdrawal of fraternal relations with New Jersey on account of negroes being admitted members in one of her Lodges, which seemed so full of big possibilities and complications, is not now mentioned enough to cause a wavelet on the Masonic stream. But, of course, the regularity of Grand Lodges formed by Scottish Rite Blue Lodges, cypher rituals, physical qualifications, landmarks, documentary evidence, balloting for each degree, attending divine services as a Lodge and other like subjects, we always have with us, and "in a pinch" are brought up and discussed.

M. W. Wyndham Stokes, Welch, is Grand Master.

M. W. Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant, is Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN, 1910.

June 14th, in Masonic Building, in the city of Milwaukee, the sixty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by M. W. Alvin T. Webb, Grand Master, with all but one of the Grand Officers, and representatives from a large number of their two hundred and sixty-four subordinate lodges in attendance.

In opening his address the Grand Master announces the death of Past Grand Master William C. Swain, who died September 15th, 1909, and to his memory a memorial by Past Grand Chaplain, Rev. T. J. Brown, finds a place. He was Grand Master in 1893, and is best known as an able writer of reports on correspondence. From the memorial we extract:

Let me say in closing what was said by another as a tribute to his friend: "That while green grass will cover his grave, blue skies bend over it, sweet birds sing near it, and the place will be hallowed ground, yet greener than the grass, fairer than the skies, sweeter than the

birds, more hallowed than the grave itself, will be his fragrant memory enshrined with supreme sacredness in our heart of hearts."

The Grand Master reports several special communications of the Grand Lodge during the year, held, one for the installation of a Grand Officer; three for the constituting of lodges; one to lay the cornerstone of a new Masonic Temple; another for the dedication of a Masonic Temple, and one for the dedication of a Masonic Hall. He also reports the instituting of two new lodges under dispensations. He granted a duplicate charter, where the original was destroyed by fire. He reports several decisions, in one holding that a lodge cannot attend church services in a body on other than St. John's Day, and in another, that a Lodge of Sorrow cannot be opened to the public. Of special dispensations, he says:

I have issued in all 61 dispensations, thirteen of which were for the purpose of allowing the Eastern Star and other bodies to occupy the Lodge room, and to permit Lodge to meet in other places where Lodge room was destroyed by fire or for some special purpose. The majority of the dispensations granted were for waiver of the constitutional requirements as to residence and time between degrees. In all these cases I have been careful to exercise my prerogative only in cases of emergency.

He is not in favor of the growing tendency to require documentary evidence as a prerequisite for visitation; thinks it will lead to a reliance on written and printed matter, instead of proficiency as a Mason, and believes that lodges should obtain up-to-date lists of all regular lodges in the world.

He makes an appeal to his brethren to read their reports on correspondence, and incidentally pays a deserved compliment to their Past Grand Master Jenks, who writes them.

Grand Secretary William W. Perry submits a very full report, showing excellent conditions, and this is mentioned by the Grand Lodge Trustees in their report:

We desire to call attention to the fact that for the first time since the organization of this Grand Lodge your Grand Secretary has succeeded, by strenuous effort, in getting the Lodges to realize the business importance of paying their dues promptly and prior to the opening of the annual communication. The Grand Trustees congratulate the Grand Secretary and the subordinate Lodges in their effort which has made it possible for the first time in sixty-six years that there are no dues unpaid at the opening of the Annual Communication.

The Grand Lecturer, Brother Jacob Dreher, reports having visited and instructed one hundred and twenty-five lodges. We are glad to note that our Past Grand Master DeBord was welcomed and received with the Grand Honors, as a visitor.

They have a Masonic Home; we read:

The property, belonging to the Home Association, was deeded by Brother Willard A. Van Brunt in November, 1905, to Wisconsin Con-

sistory, "upon the condition that the same be held, used and occupied for the purpose of Masonic charity, in such form and subject to such rules and regulations" as shall be necessary.

This property is located near Dousman in the County of Waukesha, and consists of 319 acres of land, most of which is under a high stage of cultivation, of a large brick residence and of modernly equipped barns, stables, granaries, silos, and with farm implements and other accessories. Since the Home Association has come into possession of this property many betterments and improvements have been made at an aggregate cost of over thirty thousand dollars, and the place has been made an ideal home surrounded by the advantages of country life which includes the benefits of a magnificent spring of salubrious water near the house.

We are glad to find our Wisconsin brethren insistent upon uniformity in ritual. Our own Grand Lodge, in 1909, extended the rule of uniformity to all ceremonies, set out in a new monitor, that year adopted, and by a standing resolution, provided that it "shall be used in all lodges, and the use of any other monitor or ceremonial be strictly forbidden." Our Wisconsin brethren wisely say: "There should be uniformity in the work, otherwise there will be a babel of tongues not intelligible to any one, that would retard the dissemination of the correct work."

A special committee, dealing with the whole subject of the proper government of lodges, submitted a most valuable report, pointing out specifically the duties of officers and members, and denouncing innovations and violations of specific requirements of law. It should command the attention, not only of the Craft in Wisconsin, but throughout the Masonic World.

Past Grand Master Aldro Jenks again presents the report on correspondence, covering one hundred and fifty-four pages. Nebraska, 1909, receives extended notice. Brother Jenks comments quite fully upon matters noted in his review, thereby making it interesting reading.

Under Virginia, and in speaking of its Grand Master, and at the same time its writer on correspondence, we find what we approve:

Brother Eggleston criticizes a ruling made in Alabama by which Masonic burial is denied to a non affiliate who has held his demit more than six months before his death. He says in such a case he would bury the Brother's remains first and then, if desirable, discuss the academic question afterward. We notice that this is precisely what Brother Eggleston did in the case of a brother in Virginia who committed suicide. He promptly opened an emergent communication of the Grand Lodge and gave the brother Masonic burial, and we honor him for it. In such cases we think judgment should be passed upon the act, only, by Him who reads and knows the heart of man.

M. W. Ernest E. Gatchell, Hudson, is Grand Master.

R. W. William W. Perry, Milwaukee, is Grand Secretary.

WYOMING, 1910.

September 7th, in the city of Rock Springs, the thirty-sixth annual communication assembled, and the Grand Lodge was opened by

M. W. Birney H. Sage, Grand Master, with all the Grand Officers, and representatives from twenty-two of the twenty-nine chartered lodges in attendance.

The past year, says the Grand Master, in opening his address, shows a steady, healthy increase in membership and finances; the Orphans' Home fund is gradually assuming proportions which in a few years more will insure the successful erection and maintenance of such a home. Death had not entered the ranks of the installed officers of the Grand Lodge or of its Past Grand Officers. Among his decisions, he holds: "A person who is under suspension for non-payment of dues is not entitled to any Masonic rights or privileges whatever. He has no right to wear any Masonic emblem." With us he has the right to petition for reinstatement. He also held: that a candidate, who has lost the two middle fingers and the end of his thumb at the first joint on his right hand is eligible, because the physical tests that are required of all candidates for the degrees can be complied with. We think that it would be better to leave the question of whether the candidate can comply with the tests to the decision of the lodge, and this is the rule in some of our Grand Jurisdictions. He reports courtesies exchanged with the Grand Masters of Colorado and New Mexico, in the matter of the posting and examining candidates for advancement. He had visited a good many of his lodges, laid cornerstones, and granted a few special dispensations.

The Grand Lodge granted a charter to the one lodge under dispensation. It also adopted the following resolution, a wise step:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and is hereby directed and empowered to ascertain and gather together all facts obtainable relating to the early history of Freemasonry in Wyoming and of its Lodges in particular. To collect such relics, documents, etc., as he may deem of historical value and of interest to the fraternity, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to expend a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars in the work contemplated by this resolution.

The report on correspondence, as for years it has been, is the work of Grand Secretary Kuykendall. Upon most questions he is sound, and he writes entertaining reviews, but the Grand Master of Ohio made a Mason at sight. It has been extensively commented upon, with few criticisms, yet Brother Kuykendall says, under Ohio, a "great storm of protest from all over the country rolled up and made itself heard." We wonder at the assertion. Certainly the matter met with very little criticism by Masonic lodges, in annual addresses, or at the hands of reviewers. Brother Kuykendall must be in a confused state of mind to imagine "a great storm of protest." It was at most "a tempest in a tea pot," and only in Brother Kuykendall's tea pot at that.

M. W. Hugh Hynds, Laramie, is Grand Master.

R. W. William L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, is Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGES		Date	Number of subordinates	Number of members	Raised	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Dropped, suspended, and expelled	Died	Net Gain	Loss
Alabama	1910	526	23303	1729	877	275	932	599	397	984		
Alberta	1910	53	2990	301	227	19	83	42	17	451		
Arizona	1910	19	1807	163	59	9	44	15	26	146		
Arkansas	1910	552	19934	1138	472	139	617	649	352	389		
British Columbia	1910	56	4550	322	150	18	140	44	35	409		
California	1910	343	43675	2956	1308	160	783	401	632	2668		
Canada	1910	404	46140	2780	597		810	791	457	2232		
Colorado	1910	123	14311	949	228	36	248	94	206	765		
Connecticut	1911	110	23251	1135	69	29	101	96	475	552		
Delaware	1910	22	3131	146	19	2	17	18	57	75		
Dist. of Columbia	1910	28	9005	405	85	57	133	181	174	57		
Florida	1910	194	9083	781	444	63	469	204	144	488		
Georgia	1910	600	35295	85	57		54			2587		
Idaho	1910	55	3167	277	214	17	125	66	40	426		
Illinois	1910	780	101692	7957	1129	390	1724	760	1315	5703		
Indiana	1910	538	54710	3547	761	198	1020	439	784	2195		
Iowa	1910	518	42612	2691	741	259	1162	508	549	1537		
Kansas	1911	394	35496	2620	785	192	1035	314	478	1839		
Kentucky	1910	557	35983	2936	728	419	1055	799	492	2041		
Louisiana	1911	211	13802	1141	264	88	367	197	204	788		
Maine	1910	205	28328	1191	135	78	192	201	545	464		
Manitoba	1910	67	5151	448	295	21	170	43	33	518		
Maryland	1910	114	13820						145	259		
Massachusetts	1909	241	56198	2920			346	329	867	1767		
Michigan	1909	412	63022	369	768	118	927	355	932	2323		
Minnesota	1911	253	25600	1443	398	74	568	191	318	838		
Mississippi	1910	343	17122	1373	615	172	761	450	276	673		
Missouri	1910	607	51066	3400	1040	366	1300	804	817	1998		
Montana	1909	62	5485	448	136	33	115	56	69	394		
Nebraska	1911	253	18507	1041	315	125	484	239	222	621		
Nevada	1910	25	1681	139	33	11	35	20	25	108		
New Brunswick	1909	37	2770	196	15	5	49	40	38	89		
New Hampshire	1910	80	10260	434	68	13	65	55	223	171		
New Jersey	1910	186	31424	2050	286	87	235	240	451	1497		
New Mexico	1910	38	2572	232	142	3	96	25	39	191		
New South Wales	1910	228	14819	1867	798		1338	148	128	1051		
New York	1910	791	163341	9322	1004	981	1144	229	2461	4240		
New Zealand	1910	170	10752	902	495		588	181	86	860		
North Carolina	1910	375	20014	1423	413	121	593	75	265	1074		
North Dakota	1910	96	7581	601	163	23	276	65	70	444		
Nova Scotia	1910	72	6037	492	98	32	106	54	55	364		
Ohio	1910	520	79501	4879	744	917	905	1051	1059	3525		
Oklahoma	1910											
Oregon	1910	120	9986	771	380	43	189	99	154	734		
Pennsylvania	1909	477	92135	5841	603		462	563	1364	4055		
Prince Edward Isl	1910	14	731	45	11	3	12			35		
Quebec	1910	62	6325	478	81	29	127	99	80	282		
Rhode Island	1910	37	7464	463	10	8	25	29	112	315		
Saskatchewan	1910	62	2438	324	212	58	78	50	9	399		
South Australia	1910	53	3595	300	133		134	36	24	239		
South Carolina	1909	227	12515	1064	406	75	406	192	186	799		
South Dakota	1910	121	8301	701	300	84	210	94	55	666		
Tennessee	1910	251	23614	1637	705	142	667	355	419	786		
Texas	1910	824	50027	3588	2334	271	2315	586	774	2326		
Utah	1911	15	1779	137	78	9	38	22	23	141		
Vermont	1910	104	12933	586	106	17	145	61	216	281		
Virginia	1910	298	20732	1316	488	112	495	225	284	983		
Washington	1910	165	14473	1021	601	79	320	176	169	1068		
Western Australia	1910	85	3687	207	192		311	109	38		59	
West Virginia	1910	143	14079	1130	161	59	193	133	154	872		
Wisconsin	1910	264	25680	1325	390	94	549		367	734		
Wyoming	1910	30	2556	178	58	4	51	24	20	156		

